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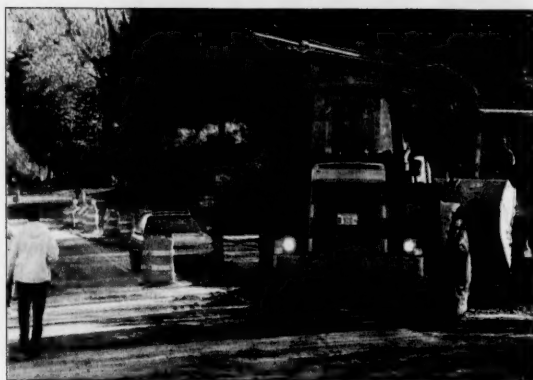


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Special Town Meeting voters will decide two things Nov. 9: Whether to raise this year's taxes to pay for town workers' raises, and whether to spend more to finish the sewer project.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

## Decision time next Tuesday

### On tax hike for town raises

By Andrea Gregory

In April, Andover officials presented Town Meeting voters with a budget that raised taxes as much as they thought possible, yet the budget did not include any money for raises for town employees. All Andover union contracts expired in June. Now that the town knows that Andover experienced more new growth than expected, officials want to raise taxes further.

On Nov. 9, Special Town Meeting voter will decide whether to approve a tax hike to put money into a stabilization fund. Officials have said they want to have money to offer at the bargaining table during contract negotiations. But the Special Town Meeting article does not require the money to be spent on raises. The money

could be used to cover anything in the operating budget.

Specifically Article 1 would allow officials to raise an additional \$600,000, causing the average residential property taxpayer to shoulder a \$43 hike in this current year's taxes. The average taxpayer already approved a \$191 increase over the previous year at April Town Meeting.

This mid-fiscal-year tax increase is possible under Proposition 2½ because Andover officials estimated new growth would total \$1.2 million when they were compiling the budget approved at the annual Town Meeting. Due to a boom in construction activity, the new growth figure will be closer to \$1.8 million. This lets the town increase the amount it is allowed

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## \$2.5M to finish sewer work

By Andrea Gregory

Since the townwide sewer expansion project began, there have been numerous cost-gobbling problems and delays.

On Nov. 9, Special Town Meeting voters will decide whether to approve \$2.5 million to finish the job. The request comes less than seven months after Town Meeting voters approved another \$1.25 million above the original \$26.8 million cost.

Selectmen and the Finance Committee are both recommending approval. In a letter sent to residents about the Special Town Meeting, the Finance Committee states there is an

obligation to finish the job since residents were promised sewer hook-up.

Approving the article will allow the town to borrow \$2.5 million to be paid back over 20 years and increase the average betterment assessment by 8.5 percent. Officials claimed it will have a "minimal"

impact on the sewer rates of current sewer users.

Disapproving the article will leave about 90 households that expected to be included in the project without sewer connections. The households with sewer connections will have to absorb approximately \$1.3 mil-

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## Record turnout; town backs Kerry

By Andrea Gregory

Andover voters turned out in numbers never before seen, some arriving at the polls before the morning sunlight. These voters supported nearly all Democratic candidates at the polls, the lone exception being Republican Sheriff Frank Cousins Jr.

In Massachusetts, that meant Andover voters backed winners. But Andover favorite John Kerry lost his campaign for president, and reportedly planned to concede defeat after Townsman deadline Wednesday. Locally, Kerry

collected 9,193 votes to George Bush's 7,903. Michael Badnarik received 106 votes; David Cobb, 60. There were 84 votes for write-in candidates, including 51 for Ralph Nader.

Congressman Marty Meehan will continue to represent Andover thanks in part to receiving 10,248 votes in Andover. His challenger, Thomas Tierney, received 6,458 Andover votes.

All three state legislator incumbents closed the days as winners. Sen. Sue Tucker and state Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien, all Andover residents, were reelected, and carried

their hometown.

Randy Hanson said in her 17 years as town clerk she could not recall a larger voter turnout. In nine precincts, Andoverites cast 17,399 ballots, accounting for 88 percent of registered voters.

Judy Reghitto and John Andreadis, the warden and clerk for Precinct 1, respectively, carried 1,968 ballots over to Town Offices after the polls closed. They said they had seen a variety of residents show up to vote throughout the day, from a 101-year-old woman to a first-time voter hav-

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## IN - CUMBENTS

### L'Italien, Finegold, Tucker reelected with town support

By Andrea Gregory

Hours after the polls had closed, State Rep. Barbara L'Italien stood on the steps leading to the family room in her Harper Circle home and faced a room full of people celebrating her victory.

"I still haven't gotten all the way around the room to thank everyone," L'Italien said to her friends, family and supporters joining in her triumph.

L'Italien then thanked Sen. Sue Tucker who also was awarded another term Tuesday night.

"She is just a wonderful mentor and someone I respect and look up to," said L'Italien.

Her own party finished, Tucker had come by to congratulate her colleague.

"Andover is fortunate to send Barbara back to the Statehouse," said Tucker, who has held office for 16 years.

She then raised L'Italien's hand in victory, saying, "I want to thank all of you who helped send a good woman back to the Statehouse. I'm proud of you, Barbara."

In the 18th Essex District, 11,204 voters elected L'Italien to serve a second term as state representative.

In Andover, 3,483 vote were cast for L'Italien. Her Republican challenger, Maria Marasco, received 2,400 votes, making it the closest state race in Andover this year.

L'Italien said she had big plans for the day after the election - "to chill" with her family. Her kids were going to stay home from school, and the whole family planned to watch a tape of the Red Sox parade. With all the campaign work, they had not had time to watch it.

L'Italien said she felt good about her chances all election day.

"I wasn't worried because I felt like I had laid the ground work. By election day all the hard work is done," she said.

L'Italien said she plans to keep fighting for affordable health care and prescription drugs. She advocates buying

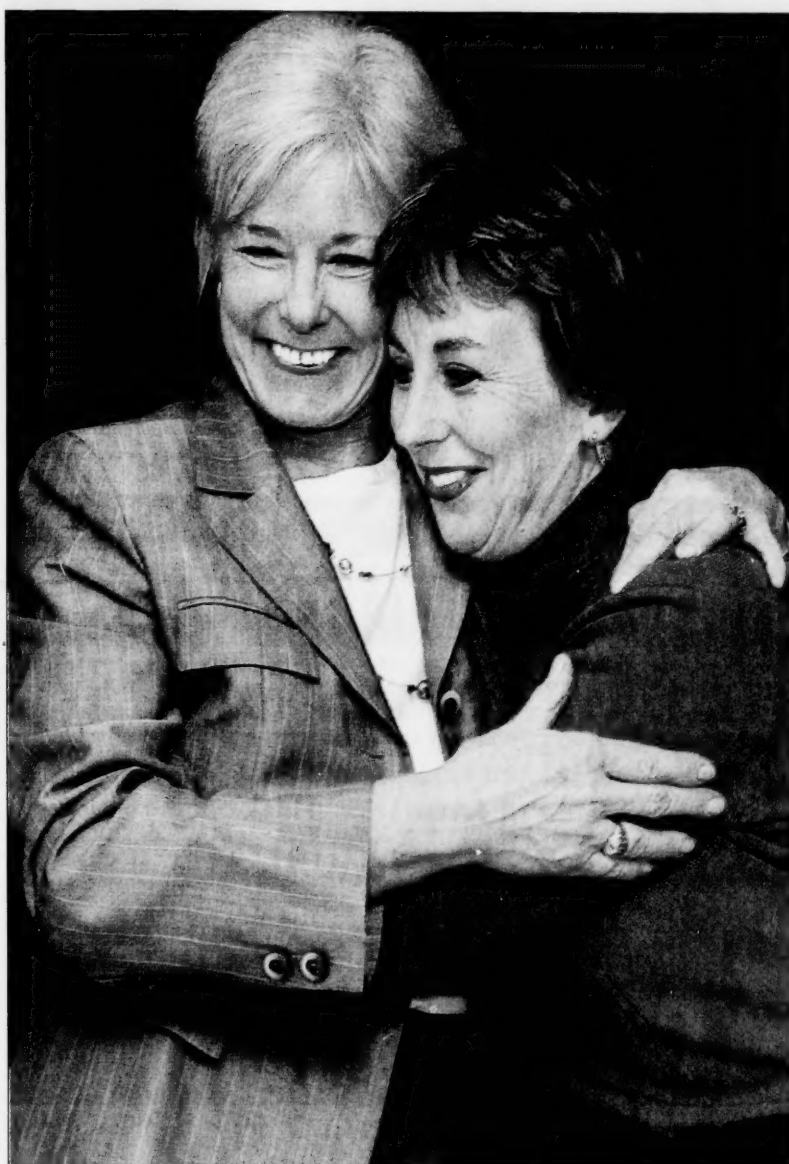


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State Sen. Susan Tucker and Rep. Barbara L'Italien celebrate their reelections. Fellow Andover resident Rep. Barry Finegold was also returned to office.

drugs from Canada, and taught some local seniors about the options and services available to them while pushing for a different state policy. She said she stops by the Andover senior center on a monthly basis to help seniors fill out forms and share information that might benefit them.

L'Italien said she will continue to vote across party lines when necessary.

"I think that most of my district wants me to work in a bipartisan manner. I got that message loud and clear when I started knocking on doors two years ago," she said. "I am humble and grateful for people

reelecting me. I'm looking forward to serving for another two years."

Marasco had planned to celebrate at her office headquarters in Dundee Park. Sharing pizza with her supporters, Marasco said she knew the race was going to be an uphill battle for

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## Teachers union to demonstrate

### Hundreds to gather outside superintendent's office today

By Rita Savard

Andover educators are planning to rally support for a favorable new contract by staging a public demonstration outside the superintendent's office on Thursday.

Thomas Meyers, president of the Andover Education Association, estimates a few hundred picketers will gather at 3 p.m. around the Andover Public Schools Administration Building on Whittier Court, behind Town Offices. The crowd, hoping to send a message to Superintendent Claudia Bach and the School Committee, will present petitions supporting their union negotiations team.

Andover educators, who

"With vacations and other things going on, it's difficult to find the time to bring everyone together in the summer months."

THOMAS MEYERS, UNION PRESIDENT, ON WHY THE UNION AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE DID NOT NEGOTIATE DURING THE SUMMER

have been working under a contract that expired in June, are handing over a formal document signed by hundreds of teachers that reads, "We support the AEA Negotiations Team to achieve a fair contract for all."

"Our patience is wearing thin," said Meyers in a statement released earlier this week. "We provide our community with a school system recognized for its excellence. We deserve fairness and respect from Dr. Bach and the School Committee for the work we've done and continue to do."

Meyers said only one informal discussion was held over the summer to talk about the contracts.

"With vacations and other things going on, it's difficult to find the time to bring everyone together in the summer months," said Meyers. "But we began in January. There has been ample time to reach a deci-

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## POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Thursday, Oct. 28 - At 4:19 p.m., Andres Zabala, 38, of 135 Margin St., Lawrence, was arrested on a warrant from the United States District Court.

Friday, Oct. 29 - At 3:07 p.m., Domingo Lopez, 26, of 27 Mall St., Lynn, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and a motor vehicle bylaw violation.

Saturday, Oct. 30 - At 12:46 p.m., Revulus Mackenson, 24, of 10 Diamond St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Sunday, Oct. 31 - At 1:47 a.m., Joseph Fermano, 21, of 5 Diane Road, Peabody, was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property under \$250 and disorderly conduct.

At 2:45 p.m., Orlando Maldonado, 25, of 41 Eutaw St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and a number-plate violation. He also had warrant charges for operating with a suspended license, a number plate violation, having an unregistered vehicle, assault with a dangerous weapon and threatening to commit a crime.

Monday, Nov. 1 - At 3:56 p.m., William Knott, 25, of 247 Lowell St., Wakefield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, having a revoked registration and an uninsured vehicle.

### THEFTS

Thursday, Oct. 28 - At 9:46 a.m., a resident reported that her son's backpack was stolen from the lockerroom at his school.

Friday, Oct. 29 - At 10:25 a.m., a driver took off from a gas station on River Road without paying for gas.

At 10:31 a.m., a stolen cellular phone was reported.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - At 2:46 p.m., a bicycle was reported stolen from Elm Square.

### BREAKS

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - At 1 a.m., a resident reported that someone broke into her home, assaulted her and took off in her car.

### INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 27 - At 2:46 p.m., a resident reported his or her daughter was high on some sort of drug and walking down the middle of a street. According to the police report, the daughter was taken to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 4:23 p.m., a caller reported someone was playing baseball on the field on Andover Street. The caller told police people are only allowed to play softball, not baseball, on the field unless they are under the age of 9. Police reported there is a sign posted regarding the rules about baseball just as the caller said, but police were not able to find anyone breaking the rule.

Thursday, Oct. 28 - At 12:13 a.m., a caller reported two males jumping around Andover Street at the train crossing.

Friday, Oct. 29 - At 4:43 p.m., 50 to 100 rolls of toilet paper were reported in the road on North Main Street.

Saturday, Oct. 30 - At 1:50 p.m., someone reported three children throwing apples at cars driving down Bartlet Street.

Sunday, Oct. 31 - At 4:20 a.m., Andover police and fire responded to a chimney fire that spread into the walls of a building on Chandler Road. Police shut down the street. Then the water department was called to the scene for a hydrant that would not shut off. According to the police report, the hydrant is now broken and cannot be used.

At 1:18 p.m., a man was cutting wood with a chainsaw when it kicked up and struck him in the face. Police and firefighters responded to the scene, and the man was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Monday, Nov. 1 - At 4:43 p.m., someone reported an unattended child sleeping in a vehicle. Police spoke to the owner of the vehicle and advised not to

leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

At 7:19 p.m., a woman reported a train did not blow its horn at the railroad crossing on Essex Street. In Andover, trains are restricted from blowing their horns. The woman told police the train appeared to be traveling at a faster rate than normal. She said the train passed by almost immediately after the gates fell. She told police she was concerned about the train's speed and that it did not blow its horn to warn people it was coming.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - At 1:50 p.m., IRS security reported two or three men dressed in camouflage in the woods by the IRS building on Lowell Street. IRS security told police their vehicle was parked on the Interstate-93 ramp. Police were unable to locate anyone in the woods or the vehicle.

At 5:03 p.m., someone reported a broken-down train at Ballardvale Crossing on Andover Street. The conductor was reported to be directing traffic until police arrived on the scene.

At 8:35 p.m., a man reported that his ex-girlfriend was at his door and would not go away.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 28 - At 9:08 a.m., a resident reported that her car tires had been slashed.

At 7:39 p.m., there was a report of vehicles parked illegally on Moraine Street.

### ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 28 - At 2:17 p.m., there was an accident with personal injuries on North Main Street.

Friday, Oct. 29 - At 3:09 p.m., there was a crash with personal injuries on Andover Street.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - At 5:37 p.m., Andover Pediatrics reported a minor accident with personal injuries in the parking lot on Haverhill Street.

### VANDALISM

There were six reports of vandalism.

COMPILED BY ANDREA GREGORY

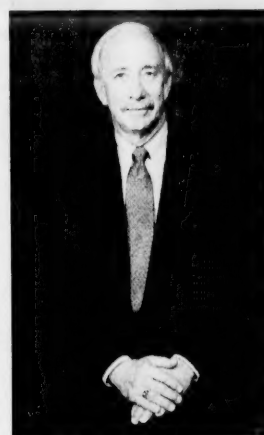
### BUSINESS

## Franks named president, CEO of Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co.

Eagle-Tribune Publishing Company's board of directors has promoted Richard M. Franks to the new position of president and chief executive officer, effective immediately. Franks has served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for nearly four years.

Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III, who had served as president, will move up to chairman and continue in his role as publisher of the family-owned newspaper company, which owns and operates four daily and six weekly newspapers serving northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. The *Andover Townsman* is part of the Eagle-Tribune family of papers.

In announcing Franks' appointment, Rogers cited his key role in growing the compa-



Richard M. Franks

ny and making it "more focused, more aggressive, more disciplined."

"The next phase of our growth strategy will emphasize even more solid planning, goal-setting, and accountability," Rogers said. "We have set the bar high, and we have a lot of work ahead of us. I feel confident that Dick can lead the company to even greater successes."

Prior to joining Eagle-Tribune Publishing, Franks served as executive vice president and general manager of *The Dispatch* of Columbus, Ohio, and later as president of Texas-based Westward Communications, a newspaper group with properties in Texas, Colorado and Arkansas.

Franks and his family live in Boxford. He and his wife have four children.

### Mailing dates for Christmas packages

It's never too early to start planning for overseas holiday mailings, according to Postmaster Nicolas R. Francescucci.

With thousands of American troops and civilians stationed around the world, the coming weeks will be a busy time for mailing international and military parcels and packages, he said.

The postmaster listed below the major dates recommended for mail to be delivered by Dec. 25. Items for delivery by Hanukkah should be mailed five days earlier, he noted.

- Nov. 13: Parcel Post to military APO/FPO addresses.

- Dec. 6: First-Class cards and letters or Priority Mail to military APO AE ZIPs 093 addresses.

- Dec. 6: Global Airmail letters, cards and Parcel Post to Africa and Central or South American International Mail locations.

- Dec. 11: First-Class cards and letters or Priority Mail to all overseas military APO/FPO addresses.

- Dec. 13: Global Airmail letters, cards and Parcel Post to other International Mail locations.

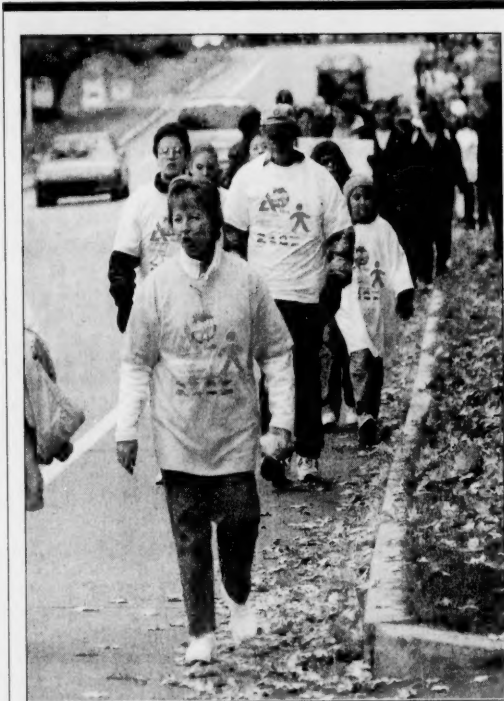


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Hundreds of walkers took part in the Andover Walk for Diabetes, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association last Sunday, Oct. 24. Walkers started at Merrimack College and traveled through downtown Andover. The Andover walk is second only to the Boston event.

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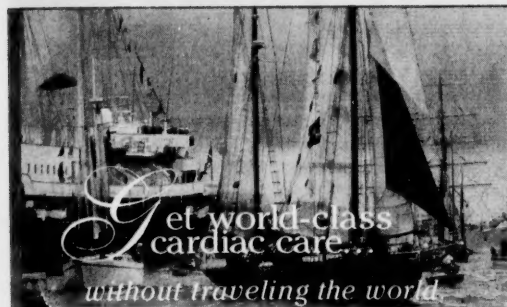
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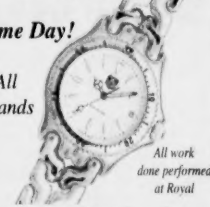
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## PAST AND PRESENT



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The top photo shows the intersection of Main and Chestnut streets in 1930. Gulf gas station is now on what was a vacant lot and the house, owned by the Andrews family, later became a Post Office, and is now a bank.

## Veterans Day events

Veterans Day is next Thursday, Nov. 11.

Andover's annual observance of Veterans Day will take place that day, with three ceremonies:

- 10 a.m. at West Parish Cemetery – balloon release and reading of names of 2004 deceased vets.

- 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery – annual 11/11/11 ceremony, AHS Band and cannon salute.

- Noon at Ballardvale Green – main ceremonies, awards and presentations.

All participants are invited to a collation afterwards at the Masonic Hall.

## Early deadline

The *Townsmen* has an early deadline for next week's paper, because of the Veterans Day holiday. Advertising materials and public submissions are due tomorrow, Friday, by noon. Letters to the editor sent by e-mail are due by Monday at 8 a.m.

## Taste of Andover

The Taste of Andover will be held tonight, Thursday, from 6 to 8 at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Tickets are \$25 each, available at the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce office in Lawrence (978-686-0900), or at Baystate Financial Services in Andover (978-475-9212), or at the door. The event is usually sold out by now. Organizers said it is very unusual for them to still have tickets available this late, but they do this year.

They hope townspeople will join them at Old Town Hall tonight, Thursday, from 6 to 8.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**A**LL THE GIRLS VOTED FOR JOHN KERRY and all the boys voted for George Bush. In the end, George Bush won.

– According to Cassidy Chapman, 6, there was a clear pattern of boys versus girls when it came to endorsing candidates, at least among the first-graders at Shawshen School who participated in a mock election. (Story, page 20)

**M**OST OF THE CUSTOMERS ARE FRIENDS. They are one and the same. How you treat them makes a difference. I like being able to help those folks. If they go out smiling, it makes me feel better that whole day.

– Angela Reed, the last original hire at CVS on Main Street, who was given the Rotary Club's Excellence in Customer Service award for her interaction with the community and genuine customer service. (Story, page 17)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, Nov. 4

South School Improvement Council, conference room, noon

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 6

South School Improvement Council, conference room, noon

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 9 a.m.

## Friday, Nov. 5

School Committee, executive session, School Administration Building, third floor, 3 p.m.

## Monday, Nov. 8

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Nov. 9

School Committee, executive session, Collins Center, Andover High School, 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting, Collins Center, Andover High School, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Nov. 10

School Committee, executive session, School Administration Building, third floor, 5 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

## Friday, Nov. 12

Board of Registrars, Town Offices, Town Clerk's office, 3 p.m.

## Association raffle scares up downtown business

By Judy Wakefield

Mary Beth Mola is a casual downtown shopper, hitting a barber shop with her two young sons and making frequent trips to a downtown pharmacy.

But now the Andover resident will be going shopping downtown more often, as she won the scarecrow-contest raffle sponsored by the new Andover Business Center Association.

Mola, who lives on Acropolis Circle with her husband, Dean, and sons, Ryan, 6, and Zach, 4, said the contest looked like fun. So she voted for the cute, masked bandit scarecrow at her bank, the Savings Bank, and her name was entered in the contest. She won the grand prize: a year's membership to Gold's Gym on Main Street and a \$25 gift certificate to Athlete's Corner, also on Main Street.

"I'll be a downtown shopper now," Mola laughed, promising to check out more downtown businesses.

Her new shopping attitude is exactly what the board members of the Andover Business Center Association want to hear. Twenty-nine ABCA members took

part in the event and had fun decorating scarecrows in their entryways and windows. The contest was all about luring more people downtown to check out local businesses.

ABCA member Merit Tukien, who lives in town and owns Night & Day on Park Street, called the contest a great success as about 500 ballots were cast during the last three weeks of October. ABCA held a member reception Monday night at Banknorth on Main Street and they pulled the winning names. Five names were pulled and raffle winners were notified Tuesday. Plus, those 500 ballots were tallied. The accessorized Miss Bling Bling scarecrow at Royal Jewelers got the most votes. Second place went to Dresscode; third place to the patriotic entry by Andover Optical; and there was a three-way tie for fourth – Culinary Concepts, General Goods and Gold's Gym.

In addition to Mola, raffle winners include:

Donna J. Power of Tewksbury, who won a \$50 gift certificate to Royals; a rabbit scarf

from Dino International Furs; a \$50 gift certificate to Kaps; and a \$25 gift certificate to Ultimate Perk.

Alessandra Pereira, also of Tewksbury, won a \$50 gift certificate to Andover Optical; a \$25 gift certificate to Blue Cow; and a chenille scarf from Bagette.

Katarina Javurilova of Andover won a \$50 gift certificate to Quiet Pleasures; a \$25 gift certificate to Blue Cow; and a chenille scarf from Bagette. Carol Frasier of Andover won a year's subscription to the *Townsmen*; a \$25 gift certificate to Circles of Wisdom and a history book donated by the Andover Historical Society.

## Andover firefighters receive homeland security grant

By Dorian Block

Their pleas have been heard. After four years of applications and an inflexible local budget, the Andover Fire Department won a \$102,000 federal Homeland Security grant yesterday for firefighter protection.

"We're thrilled with it. This is huge for us," Fire Chief Charles Murnane Jr. said.

The grant covers almost \$70,000 for personal protection for firefighters including safety harnesses, portable radios, mobile data terminals and portable lights. The rest of the money is for specialized equipment, including a Jaws of Life tool, a trench rescue kit and stretcher system.

The grant was "firefighter driven," with members of the department suggesting needs

and compiling proposals.

One of the impetuses for the grant was the need to equip the department's newest rescue vehicle approved at Town Meeting.

"We showed the need. We wouldn't have been able to get this stuff any other way," Murnane said.

Murnane said the grant will help the department meet its expanding needs in public safety and rescue, beyond traditional firefighting.

"The days of barn fires with wood and straw have changed," he said. "As time goes forward our jobs change too. We are faced with a lot more technical rescues. A lot more chemicals."

The Andover grant was a part of the \$750 million the federal Homeland Security Depart-

ment will give to public safety departments this year.

"A lot of people don't get them," Murnane said. "For Andover to get one is a big deal."

## Salute to vets Nov. 8

The annual Salute to Veterans by the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 8. This year's salute will honor area residents who are serving or have served in Afghanistan or Iraq. Tickets are \$25 (\$15 for veterans). Reservations and further information can be obtained from the Red Cross by calling 978-372-6871, or by calling John Doherty at 978-623-8218.

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# Nov. 9: Special Town Meeting at Collins Center, 7 p.m.

## TAX HIKE FOR RAISES

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to tax under the Proposition 2½ levy limit.

The \$600,000 would be added to a stabilization fund that contained \$458,000 on June 30.

Not budgeting money for town employee pay raises was a risky move, officials warned voters at the Spring Town Meeting. But it was not the first time officials have taken such a risk.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he has tried

previously to negotiate contracts with no money for pay increases in the budget.

"I think it puts the town in a more difficult position," he said. "I need resources. I have to come back to our ability to pay."

Andover was in a similar situation in 1992, according to the 1992 Finance Committee Report.

"No money is included for new contract settlements with employee bargaining units, many of which are currently, or

soon will be, in negotiations. The trade off, for employee groups, is job preservation, since the budget anticipates no significant layoffs," the Finance Committee reported in 1992.

The contracts were eventually settled, and cost-of-living increases were awarded. The first year of the contract workers received a 1-percent pay raise. The second year they received a 1-percent raise for the first half of the year and then an additional 2-percent raise for the second

half of the year. The last year of the contract also had a two-part increase; 2 percent was awarded the first half of the year, and 3 percent was given for the remainder of the three-year contract. However, union workers such as the firefighters worked under the conditions of the previous contract until July 21, 1994, when their new contract was signed, and were paid retroactively. At the annual Town Meeting before the contract was finalized, \$353,000 was appropriated to the compensation fund for town employees (not including school workers) after two years with little or no money in the account.

"You are playing catch up," said Town Accountant Rod Smith, something he calls "back-ending the contract."

Since Stapczynski has been town manager, there have been cost-of-living increases awarded for each contract, but negotiations have been completed behind schedule repeatedly.

Firefighter Union President Jim Landry said he has had a few meetings with the town manager, but there is only so much that can happen at the

negotiating table until the town has money to work with.

"Buzz said he had nothing for us, so why waste his time and our time. His hands are tied until he knows what he can negotiate," said Landry.

Landry said before Stapczynski was the town manager contract negotiations were settled on time. Landry said he wants to have contracts signed on time.

Smith said history shows contract negotiations under Stapczynski appear to be 18 months to two years behind schedule.

"If history repeats itself we won't see any money out of this for 18 months," said Smith. "Is that right? It's not my call. It could be negotiated differently, but it isn't. You know there is going to be a cost-of-living increase every year in theory."

So why does Andover need to approve this money now? Next year, Andover can only raise taxes 2.5 percent plus the tax on new growth. Approving Article 1 allows the town to raise more money this year to pay for raises, and have a higher starting point for taxes next year.

At least two-thirds of the

Special Town Meeting voters will need to favor raising property taxes and transferring the money into a stabilization fund. In the spring, another two-thirds vote will be needed to authorize the town to use the money for cost-of-living increases or any other aspect of the operating budget.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has said the article does not specify how the money must be used so that it can cover unexpected expenses such as increased health-care, snow-removal or utility costs. He said the money will, in some form, be used in the operating budget. Stapczynski has not said exactly how much of the money would be used to cover raises. A 1 percent pay raise for all town and school employees would cost the town about \$600,000.

The compensation fund for raises is currently at zero.

"The well is dry, every penny is budgeted," said Smith. "You can only deal with what you have. What can (Stapczynski) offer right now? He can offer nothing."

Special Town Meeting will be held Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center at Andover High.

## \$2.5M to finish sewer project?

### SEWERS

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lion in lost betterments from these homes. If the article is shot down, residents with sewer connections can expect about a 6.6 percent increase on their betterment assessments, according to the town.

What happened since the original appropriations and the original project plans?

The town went 100 percent above its budget in at least two areas – the cost of acquiring easements and the cost of public safety detail work. Several other unplanned costs also popped up along the way.

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden breaks the extra costs into three categories – problems at the state level, geological and physical problems found during construction and "making the project nicer."

Last Monday, representatives from Camp Dresser and McKee, the engineering firm hired by the town, attended a selectmen meeting to give a presentation on the current state and history of the sewer project. Handouts illustrated where the project went more than \$3.5 million over the budget estimate that was done in 1998.

Mike Guidice, senior project manager at Camp Dresser and

McKee, went through several unexpected and under-budgeted aspects of the project. He offered examples such as a year-long delay to start the project because the state was concerned about the projects effect on the Ipswich Watershed District.

It cost the town almost double what it budgeted to acquire land because it engaged in lengthy negotiations instead of taking land by eminent domain, said Guidice.

There was also the additional cost of police details – almost \$1 million more than the town had planned.

"All of these things kind of came together and wacked us," said Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Petkus said his department obtained a list of streets that could have typical public works jobs done without public safety details present.

"We made the bad assumption of thinking the same thing would apply to the sewer project as well," said Petkus.

Petkus said the town also decided not to send school buses on detours, hiking up the cost. "We couldn't allow that to happen; 95 percent of parents are out there waiting for their kids to come home," said Petkus.

He said just under \$1 million was budgeted to pay for public-

safety details. Officials now know they needed twice as much to finish the job.

Marden said police should have been more involved from the start, and Petkus agrees.

"We under budgeted. It is embarrassing coming back to Town Meeting and asking for money again," said Petkus.

But Police Chief Brian Pattullo said he is not sure how much more insight into the real cost the police could have offered based on what went out to bid.

"I don't think it would have made a difference," said Pattullo. "They weren't going to close the road. The job was bid for two-way traffic (on South Main Street/Route 28) and that couldn't have been done."

Pattullo said the contractor changed the scope of the project and didn't plan accordingly. Police were involved in an inter-departmental review near the beginning of the project, but were under the impression South Main Street would remain open, said Pattullo. Closing portions of South Main Street added the costs.

Pattullo said there have been two to six public-safety workers on each construction scene at a time. When the detail work was budgeted, public safety workers earned \$35 per hour for details. But since the sewer project was approved, a new contract was signed, bumping hourly pay to \$40 per hour. Police and other public safety workers have also been pulling nine-hour days, not eight. The last hour is paid at time and a half.

There are 210 homes still waiting to be connected to sewers as part of the project, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said. Stapczynski said if Town Meeting does not approve the additional money, the town will have \$3.3 million remaining. He estimates that will cover about 120 homes, leaving 90 without their expected sewer hook-up.

Petkus said it is not possible to give any kind of priority to homes with failing septic systems.



Diane Galebach votes as her children (left to right) Julia, Maria and Carolyn read books at Andover High School's Field House.

## Town-voter turnout 88 percent

### ANDOVER VOTING

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ing his picture taken by his mother.

Precinct 1 voters cast their ballots at the senior center. But long before the polls opened, Andover residents were eager to vote. The first people began arriving at 5:30 a.m. A few hours later, once the polls opened there was a line that stretched from inside the senior center door into the parking lot. Andreadis said at the busiest time, there were about 200 residents lined up to step inside the voting booths.

"We have never had this many people," said Reghitto, who has been working Precinct 1 for more than a decade. "We had a lot of first-time voters and a lot of first-time older voters."

Reghitto believes it was this year's presidential race that was responsible for the record turnout.

"They might have felt strong for a candidate or strong against a candidate," she said of the people who showed up to vote. But either way, she hopes the new voters will continue to show up at the polls to

make their opinions count in future elections.

The two poll workers said the flow of voters was pretty constant throughout the day, but the big rush was definitely in the morning. Andreadis described the atmosphere as upbeat and exciting as the crowd past through. There were no horror stories – or hanging chads – at the polls.

"You always have someone who comes to the wrong precinct," said Andreadis. "But everything else goes smoothly."

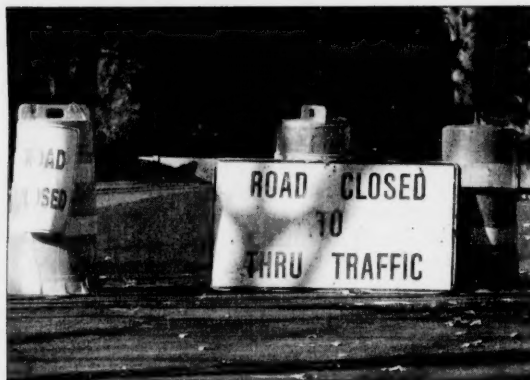


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Residents will decide if they should allow another \$2.5 million investment in the town's sewer expansion project. Special Town Meeting will be held next Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center, the Andover High School auditorium, off Shawsheen Road.

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# Senate: Tucker bests Jones

By Rita Savard

High-fiving her fellow Democratic incumbent Barry Finegold, Sen. Susan Tucker basked in the political spotlight Tuesday night after reclaiming the 2nd Essex and Middlesex State Senate seat.

Surrounded by well-wishers, family and friends at Dylan's Bar and Grill, Tucker thanked her Andover constituents whose votes gave the state senator a sizable victory over challenger Deborah Jones. The unofficial count released Tuesday night tallied Tucker's votes at 11,018 to Jones' 5,665.

"I feel so gratified right now," said Tucker, who began feeling confident after receiving calls from party workers shortly after 8 p.m. "I think it reflects that I've been responsive to voters and delivered results."

Tucker's campaign was heavily rooted in her legislative experience, as she touted having 16 years in political office. She said she has not missed a vote during her five-year tenure in the Senate.

For Tucker's opponent, Republican Deborah Jones, the

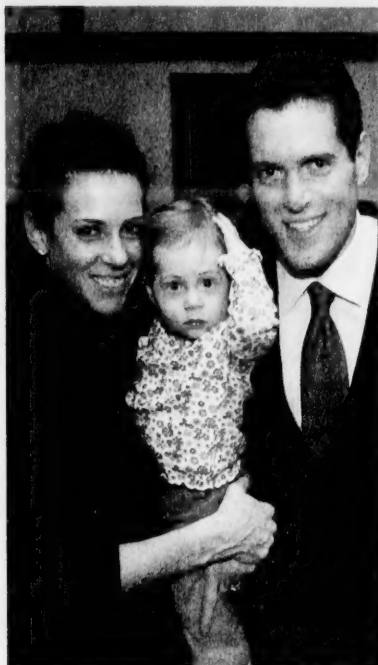
race for State senate was her first political involvement.

A single mother and hardware sales representative from Andover, Jones had become interested in running after attending a few meetings where Gov. Mitt Romney's party talked about problems arising from an imbalanced state legislature. The governor made an appearance in Andover last month to boost the campaigns of Republicans trying to wrestle statehouse seats from Democrats.

Jones was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

Following election night, Tucker said there's no time to break since the senator is already working on 25 pieces of legislation to file the first week in December.

Her husband, Mike Tucker, who said the couple will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary next month, shared in the excitement. "She's a great lady," said Mike Tucker. "She makes me and everyone in the town of Andover proud. We're fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community."



Celebrating his win for retaining the 17th Essex House seat, Democratic incumbent Barry Finegold is looking forward to spending more time with wife, Amy, and daughter, Ava, now that campaigning has ended. At right, Finegold and state Sen. Sue Tucker congratulate each other with high-fives.

## 17TH ESSEX

# Finegold fights off Eldracher

By Rita Savard

The atmosphere at Dylan's Bar and Grill on Park Street Tuesday night was teeming with jubilation over a sweeping victory for Democratic candidates reelected to the state legislature.

In a hard-fought battle for 17th Essex State Representative seat, incumbent Barry Finegold won Andover voters' support against Republican challenger Erik Eldracher of Tewksbury. The unofficial Andover results posted on election night by Town Clerk Randy Hanson showed Finegold in the lead with 6,699 Andover votes to Eldracher's 4,242.

"I'm so grateful, so honored, so humbled that this town continues to support me," said an elated Finegold, who was surrounded by family and dozens of supporters at the celebration. Winner of the 2nd Essex and Middlesex State Senate race, incumbent Sen. Sue Tucker, shared the floor with Finegold.

The Andover Democrat, who ran uncontested in the last election for his fourth term in office, was quick to admit his opponent gave him a run for his money. Finegold praised the Romney-styled reformist's effort and perseverance in the election field, saying there were few places in town he could drive by without catching a glimpse of an Eldracher campaign sign.

"Erik is a class act," Finegold said. "Our campaign was more about issues and ideas instead of negativity and name-calling. He

ran a hard-fought campaign and I take my hat off to him."

Eldracher made an appearance at the Park Street restaurant a little before 9 p.m. to congratulate his opponent and wish him success over the next term.

One of 130 Republican candidates running for a legislative seat this year, Eldracher ran a campaign focused on reforming waste and patronage on Beacon Hill to help restore jobs and local aid.

"We ran a hard, clean race,"

Eldracher told the *Townsmen* in a telephone interview from his home on Tuesday night. The challenger said he was not disappointed over losing the election.

"If there was something more we could have done, then there would be reason for disappointment. But we put in 100 percent," he said.

When asked if he'd be back on Andover's political scene in the future, Eldracher replied, "never say never."

As for Finegold, now that the campaigning is over, he said he is looking to spend a little more time with his 14-month-old daughter, Ava, and wife, Amy.

"It feels like I

haven't seen them in weeks," Finegold said, adding that it was his wife's first experience in campaigning. The couple married in May 2002.

"I absolutely love it," said Amy Finegold, also the owner of Dresscode, a clothing store in Elm Square. "It's a different world. You're constantly meeting interesting people and having interesting conversations."

Finegold, who talked about bringing in new business, and restoring local aid for the town

and schools, promises to be a "relentless advocate" for the voters of Andover.

In the upcoming weeks, Finegold said he will file legislation on public funding for stem-cell research, and support youth centers, economic development and an interchange into Ballardvale off Interstate 93.

"There's a lot of work ahead," said Finegold. "I'm very proud to represent this community and I'll do everything I can to honor their votes."



Republican challenger for the 17th Essex House, Erik Eldracher, was seen smiling on many Andover street corners on the days leading up to the election. He was outside Andover High School on election day.

## L'Italian reelected

■ L'ITALIEN / MARASCO

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her, but knowing so many people supported her was "energizing," even if it did not win her the election.

"We did our best and honestly remain encouraged by these numbers," said Marasco.

The Marasco-L'Italian race became bitterly fought toward the end, with unflattering mailings and prerecorded phone messages going out to voters.

Marasco said it was a distraction for her.

But she also faced problems with the accuracy of the literature supplied by her own Republican Party. For instance, Marasco said a reminder that the GOP sent out about absentee ballots in her district did not include her name. Another woman's name was listed as the Republican challenger facing L'Italian.

Marasco, who won over Boxford voters, said she was pleased that many people supported her. It was Marasco's third attempt at a state office. She said it was too early to say if she plans to run again in the future.



Sen. Susan Tucker celebrates with Rep. Barbara L'Italian.

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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# High pressure was in the forecast

Girls swim & dive team (11-0), boys soccer (13-2-2) earn MVC championships

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls swim and dive juggernaut remained unstoppable, joining the Golden Warrior boys soccer team in nailing down undisputed Merrimack Valley Conference championships.

Both won pivotal competitions recently, as a high-pressure atmosphere prevailed for several AHS teams embroiled in crucial late-season action that featured tournament-like flavor and intensity.

On the flip side of the key matchups, the young AHS girls volleyball team (four seniors) succumbed to more-experienced, battle-tested Chelmsford while the MVC champion field hockey squad saw its hopes for an undefeated regular season go up in smoke with a loss to Lowell.

At presstime, those mixed results left the nine AHS varsity teams with a remarkable 95-24-6 overall won-lost-tied record this fall as they prepped for MIAA Tournament play.

## GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High girls swim and dive team took no prisoners as it clinched a sixth straight Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet championship by overpowering Chelmsford, 117-77, in the regular-season finale for both at the Lowell 'Y' pool.

Candice Peak was immense in the showdown, winning two individual events

and anchoring a pair of victorious relays to spark the 40-point romp.

AHS, stretching its multi-year dual-meet win streak to 73, finished the regular season 11-0 overall and 8-0 in the conference.

Chelmsford placed second in the MVC with a 7-1 mark and finished 10-2 overall, with the only other setback 96-90 to non-league Acton-Boxboro.

Coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's Lady Warriors have now won the last six meets against friendly archrival Chelmsford, including 91-87 last year and 95-83 in 2002, 103-78 in 2001, 113-71 in 2000 and 100-85 in 1999.

The most recent Chelmsford win was also the last dual-meet loss for Andover, 100-83, on Oct. 30, 1998.

## Senior Day

It was Senior Day for both Andover and Chelmsford, with the Lady Warriors' 10 seniors and those from CHS presented roses and spotlighted prior to the meet.

AHS seniors are Caitlin Carpentier, Ann Marie Cashman, Monica Chung, Andrea Coiro, Libby Fortier, Lauren Freedman, Lauren Grobicki, Diana Harlow, Amanda Kaminski and Tracy O'Malley.

The night before the meet there were some traditional shenanigans, as the front yards/trees at the homes of the AHS

seniors, captains and coaches were decorated with paper.

"They also painted 73-0 on my car (removable paint)," said coach Fitzgerald.

## Schedule

The MVC Division 1 Championship Meet is today (Thursday) and tomorrow at the Lowell Riddick Field House (diving, 3:30 p.m.) and Haverhill High White Natatorium (swim races, 4 p.m.) pools respectively.

The North Sectional Championship Meet is Saturday, Nov. 13 at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool in Cambridge (9 a.m.).

The State Division 1 Meet is the following Sunday, Nov. 21, at Wellesley College's Chandler Natatorium (2 p.m.).

The State Meet will have two divisions for the first time, with school placement determined by enrollment.

Andover will compete in Division 1.

AHS had an eye-popping 51 state-cut performances by swimmers and divers this fall, and an equally-impressive 75 sectional cuts.

## Andover 117 Chelmsford 77

Junior Candice Peak had a huge afternoon as the champs placed first in eight of the 12 events.

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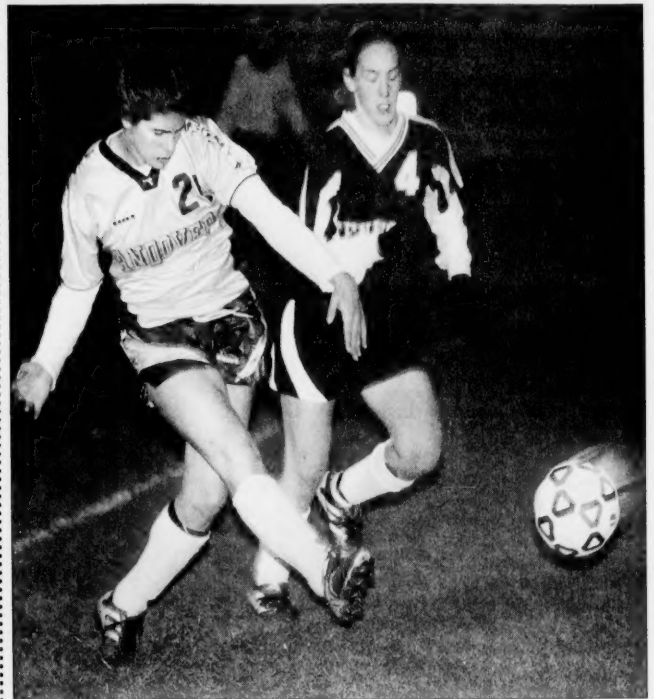


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Jessica Prencipe kicks the ball upfield as the Lady Warriors soccer team host Bishop Fenwick. Andover lost, 2-1. [See soccer roundup on page 8.]

## FOOTBALL

# A shutout in the 8th

Warriors (8-0) skunk winless Methuen, 45-0

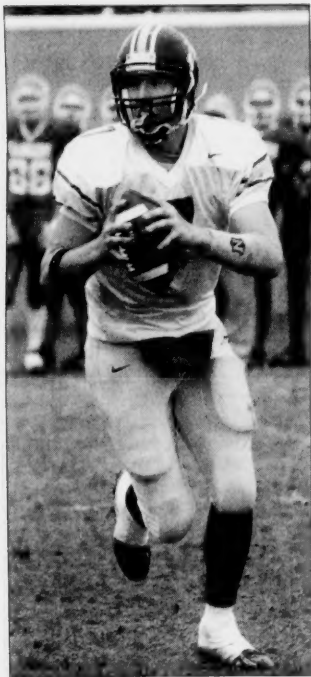


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QB Geoff Stevens looks to pass.

By Rick Harrison

IT IS NOW OFFICIALLY gut-check time for the Andover High varsity football team.

After running roughshod over winless Methuen, 45-0, the undefeated Merrimack Valley Conference co-leaders are entering the most difficult part of their 2004 schedule.

Call it "Nasty November."

If the Golden Warriors, 8-0 overall for the first time in almost three decades and 5-0 in the conference, are to experience post-season play they will have to earn it.

Three games, all against dangerous opponents, stand between the locals and their first conference title and Eastern Mass. playoff berth since 1975.

The prove-your-mettle stretch run opens tomorrow night at Haverhill Stadium (7 p.m.), as the locals battle a very capable Hillies' team coming off back-to-back wins over Central Catholic (21-19) and Tewksbury (26-12).

Haverhill also had a 13-12 lead over current conference co-frontrunner Chelmsford with four minutes left, before the Lions rallied for a 20-13 victory.

The Hillies, led by junior tailback Chris Valaskatgis and quarterback Dale Whit-tredge, will enter 5-2 overall and 3-2 in MVC play.

Andover beat Haverhill 35-14 last year. The Hillies hold a 5-4-2 edge in the last 11 games, but since 1980 the series tips 13-7-3 in Andover's favor.

## Chelmsford looming

Friday night, Nov. 12, is the potential winner-take-all showdown with three-time reigning champ and six-time Super Bowl participant Chelmsford at the Lions Simonian/Alumni Stadium.

If Andover beats both Haverhill and Chelmsford it will clinch the title, because even a loss on Thanksgiving to potential-spoiler Central Catholic would leave the locals at least tied with Chelmsford and/or Billerica with the head-to-head tiebreaker in their favor (wins over Chelmsford and Billerica).

Billerica is still lurking in the bushes, one game behind Andover and Chelmsford at 4-1.

Even a loss to Haverhill would not be fatal, provided the Golden Warriors then beat Chelmsford and Central Catholic which would give them the playoff berth once again on the head-to-head tiebreaker.

Chelmsford has been squeaking by in recent weeks, rallying in the closing minutes to edge Haverhill and last Friday night fighting off fast-finishing Central Catholic, 20-19, when the Raiders missed a pair of late two-point conversion attempts.

"We've had some luck but we've also played well and executed at crucial times," said Chelmsford head coach Bruce Rich, whose team plays at Tewksbury (4-4) this Saturday afternoon in its final tuneup for AHS.

## GAME SUMMARY

	ANDOVER 45, METHUEN 0					
	at Nicholson Stadium, Methuen					
Andover	13	20	6	6	—	45
Methuen	0	0	0	0	—	0

**First Quarter**  
A: Shaheen Ghandchi 46 run (Kenny Masse kick)  
A: Ghandchi 11 run (kick failed)

**Second Quarter**  
A: Buddy Farnham 15 pass from Geoff Stevens (kick failed)  
A: Tommy White 21 pass from Stevens (Masse kick)  
A: Pardeep Thandi 3 pass from Stevens (Masse kick)

**Third Quarter**  
A: Mike Muccio 3 run (kick failed)

**Fourth Quarter**  
A: Mike D'Angelo 22 run (kick blocked)

**Team Statistics**

**First Downs:** Andover 14; Methuen 4.  
**Rushes/Yards:** Andover 33-280; Methuen 29-67.  
**Passing:** Andover 11-17-0, 130 yards, 3 TDs; Methuen 2-8-1, 38 yards.  
**Total Yards:** Andover 410; Methuen 105.  
**Fumbles/Lost:** Andover 0-0; Methuen 4-2.  
**Punts-Ave:** Andover 2-29.5.  
**Penalties/Yards:** Andover 6-44; Methuen 6-30.  
**Scrimmage Plays:** Andover 59; Methuen 43.  
**Records:** Andover 8-0, Methuen 0-7.

**Individual Statistics**  
**Rushing:** A. Shaheen Ghandchi 8-115, 2 TDs; Matt Hennessy 8-66; Dan Vining 5-36; Mike D'Angelo 2-29; Mike Muccio 4-12; Pat Kelley 2-10; Buddy Farnham 1-8; Geoff Stevens 1-7; Kenny Masse 1-4.  
**Passing:** A. Geoff Stevens 9-14-0, 111 yards, 3 TDs; Tommy White 2-3-0, 19 yards. M. Keith Kupiec 2-8-1, 38 yards.  
**Receiving:** A. Buddy Farnham 6-83; Tommy White 1-21; Tom Jackson 1-14; Dan Vining 1-5; Matt Martin 1-4; Pardeep Thandi 1-3, TD.  
**Interceptions:** A. John Fox 1.  
**Fumble Recoveries:** A. Kyle MacKenzie 1; Nathan Wiech 1.  
**Forced Fumbles:** A. Nathan Wiech 2.  
**Sacks By:** A. Kyle MacKenzie 1; Nathan Wiech 1.  
**Tackles (solo & assisted):** A. Nathan Wiech 10; Mike Muccio 6; Dan Vining 5; Quincy Torres 4; John Fox 4; Matt Hennessy 3; Buddy Farnham 3; Matt Quinlan 2; Peter Burke-Wallace 2; Shaheen Ghandchi 2; Kyle MacKenzie 2; Billy Borden 2; Mike Fortier 2; Tommy White 1; Mike Anderson 1; Pat Kelley 1; Jon Crush 1.

(Stats compiled by David Gangi, Bill Fleischmann, Steve Bellegreri and Jay Darrin.)

Chelmsford, sparked offensively by running back Bobby Gill (72 points, 840 yards rushing) and quarterback/head coach's son Eddie Rich (eight TD passes), is 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the league.

Chelmsford has won six straight this fall and is working on a four-year streak of 23 consecutive MVC victories.

## Handling Methuen

Andover has not been 8-0 since 1975.

In 1991 the Golden Warriors won their first seven games and eight of their first nine during an 8-2 season, while in 1989 the locals lost their opener to Chelmsford, ran off eight straight wins (including seven

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS SWIM &amp; DIVE

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Peak touched first in the 50-yard free (25.63) and 100 backstroke (1:00.09), while also swimming the final leg on the 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Joining Peak on the 200 medley team were senior Capt. Diana Harlow, freshman Melissa Alois and junior Caitlin Doherty (1:56.77).

Completing the 400 free squad, which won by two seconds, were sophomore Tiffany Petzold and the freshman tandem of Ellen Cody and Kristi Korsberg (3:46.74).

"We're still experimenting with relay combinations and this was the first time these four girls competed together in this race," said coach Fitzgerald.

The 200 free relay foursome of junior Jen McDonald, Petzold, Korsberg and anchor Caitlin Doherty finished in 1:44.75 to nip the second-place Chelmsford team (1:44.85) by a mere 10/100ths of a second.

"This was one of several exciting races," said Fitzgerald. "It was close all the way and Caitlin was not going to give it (the lead) up on the last leg."

"This was the first time we didn't use Petzold in the medley relay against a strong opponent – and it worked. The positive results will make us even deeper in the relays at the big meets."

That balance and power throughout the lineup was the major reason for the 40-point spread against the Lions.

"My whole mantra on the bus ride home," said Fitzgerald, "was 'depth, depth, depth.' A few girls were disappointed they didn't place first – but you win the big meets against the best opponents by taking a lot of seconds, thirds and fourths which we did so well today."

In addition to the eight firsts, the Lady Warriors had seven second places, seven thirds and six fourths.

Other Andover winners were Doherty in the 200 free (1:57.27), Petzold in the 100 free (56.46) and Melissa Alois in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.66).

"Caitlin's swim in the 200 free was one of the gutsiest I've seen in my years here," said Fitzgerald. "She was just out of the pool from the medley relay and had to contend with a very strong Chelmsford swimmer in the 200."

That girl, Katelyn Martin, finished a half-stroke and split-second behind Doherty in 1:57.42.

Doherty couldn't hold off Chelmsford's Amanda Cecere in the 100 butterfly, and fatigue may have been a factor with the reigning state champ in that event competing for the third time in the meet's first five races.

Doherty was clocked in 59.66 seconds while Cecere, who also won the 200 IM, nipped her with a 58.55 performance.

"You have to give it up for Cecere," said Fitzgerald. "It was an amazing win for her."

The pair could meet again in the upcoming MVC, North Sectional and State Meets.

The AHS coach was also excited about ninth-grader Alois' showing in the 100 breast.

"We finally found our breaststroker,"

said Fitzgerald. "We had practically conceded that race to Caroline Hayes of Chelmsford (second in 1:13.24). Melissa's win was a very hard-earned upset."

Also finishing as runners-up were Korsberg in both the 200 IM (2:14.81) and 100 free (56.80), senior Lauren Grobicki (50 free, 26.83), sophomore Erin McAuliffe (100 back, 1:05.74) and Ellen Cody in the 500 free (5:13.31).

"Korsberg had a great day," said Fitzgerald. "Her splits in the relays were also excellent. It was a breakout meet for her."

"Cody is a fierce competitor and she made a strong run at (winner Katelyn) Martin (5:11.40). It should be interesting to see how these two match up in the upcoming big meets."

All six swimmers in the 500 were clocked under six minutes – and this could be the first meet in the state all season where that happened.

Also placing for Andover were sophomores Jen Geary (4th, 5:29.25) and Jenny Meltz (5th, 5:41.48).

Thirds went to Diana Harlow in both the 200 IM (2:16.18) and 100 fly (1:02.00), Petzold (200 free, 2:00.68), freshman Hilary Samuels (100 breast) and freshman Allison Alwan to complete a sweep of the backstroke (1:07.12).

"We didn't expect to finish 1-2-3 in the backstroke," said Fitzgerald. "It was a nice surprise."

The locals took third in the 200 medley relay with McAuliffe, Samuels, Cody and McDonald (2:00.46).

Rachael Martinez of Chelmsford won the one-meter diving with 218.75 points.

Andover also had two competitors top the 200 mark with senior runner-up Ann Marie Cashman at 205.55 points and senior Capt. Libby Fortier third at 203.35.

Freshman Lauren Colby completed a solid AHS showing with 156.18 for fourth place.

Mary Wermers-Schissel, the Lady Warriors' longtime former diving coach who retired after last season to spend more time with her young children, came to the meet and was presented with flowers in appreciation of all her efforts over the years.

"Mary coached most of the current divers and they were thrilled to see her there," said Fitzgerald. "She did a lot for the program."

Earning fourths were Cody (200 free, 2:02.45), Geary (200 IM, 2:22.49), McDonald (50 free, 27.26) and junior Rita Gillan (100 fly, 1:07.00).

Senior Capt. Caitlin Carpentier was 6th in the 100 free (1:00.36).

"It was energizing to see close, exciting races with competitive times," said Fitzgerald. "A good tuneup for what's ahead."

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High girls varsity volleyball team was forced to settle for second place in Division I of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The host Lady Warriors played hard

and well – but couldn't overcome Chelmsford in their showdown battle for first place waged at the Dunn Gym.

The archrivals were deadlocked for the top spot when they collided in the next-to-last regular season conference match, and the Lions put together their best start-to-finish performance of the fall in a 2-0 triumph over Andover.

"I have no complaints," said AHS head coach George Sullivan. "We were outstanding but Chelmsford was just better."

"They're talented and athletic. Most of their players are tall and lean which is the perfect body type for volleyball."

"They came into the match with a purpose. They wanted to send a message and they did."

The Lions, who also edged Andover 2-1 on Oct. 1, finished the season 13-1 in the conference and 18-2 overall.

In other recent matches AHS, 15-5 overall and 11-3 in MVC play, nipped Haverhill, 2-1, and experienced a downer after the Chelmsford loss as Central Catholic stunned the locals, 2-0, at the annual MVC Volleyball Night hosted by Chelmsford.

It was the first regular season loss to an MVC opponent other than Chelmsford since Oct. 17, 2002 when Billerica earned a 2-0 victory.

Through 19 matches AHS had 384 kills, an average of 20.2 per match, and 168 aces for a 8.8 pace.

Samantha Kerivan was tops in kills with 158 and Jen Merinder had 57. Ace leaders were Kelly O'Dea with 37 and Merinder 27.

## Schedule

The 2004 MIAA Division I North Tournament volleyball pairings were scheduled for release yesterday after *Townsmans* presstime.

## All-Conference

Junior middle hitter Samantha Kerivan and junior setter Kelly O'Dea are the Andover players named to the 2004 Merrimack Valley All-Conference Team.

Chosen MVC I All-Stars were junior setter and Capt. Jen Merinder, junior defensive specialist Brittany Pierce and sophomore Allison Navarro.

The elite teams were announced during the annual MVC Volleyball Night earlier this week.

## Chelmsford 2

## Andover 0

Andover was swept for the first time this season, with the previous three losses all 2-1 against Chelmsford and non-leaguers Reading and Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

"If we had played the way we did tonight in our other three losses we would have killed all three teams – including Chelmsford," said Sullivan.

In the earlier Chelmsford match, the Lions dropped the first game before rallying to win the next two.

This time around Chelmsford won the opener, 30-21, and came back to take game two, 30-27.

The second game was tied several times, and AHS had a few one- and two-point leads.

"They made some nice plays at the end to pull it out," said Sullivan.

Andover was limited to 17 kills and four aces, finishing 73-for-82 hitting and 45-for-50 serving.

"The percentages were good, but we had fewer kills and aces than our season average," said Sullivan. "We also weren't as strong defensively."

All-Conference Samantha Kerivan was team-high with nine kills, finishing 21-for-25 hitting and 5-for-5 serving.

Sara Kelleher contributed two kills, 15-for-20 hitting, one ace and 6-for-8 serving.

Andrea Kurkul was the leader in aces with three, and she added four kills while going 11-for-12 serving and 13-for-13 hitting.

All-Conference Kelly O'Dea competed error-free with 14-for-14 hitting, 8-for-8 serving and one kill.

Jen Merinder produced one kill, 5-for-5 hitting, 10-for-11 serving and 27-for-37 passing.

Erin Korte was 4-for-4 hitting, Kristen Pinksten 5-for-5 serving and Allison Navarro 6-for-10 passing.

Playing well for Chelmsford were MVC I Player-of-the-Year Maxine Barry, middle hitter Jenn Byrne, outside hitter Jenn O'Rourke and Jenlyn Furey (defense).

CHS suffered its only other defeat, 2-1, against reigning state champ Barnstable.

The Andover JV's completed a 15-3 season with a 2-1 loss to Chelmsford, as the Lions prevailed 25-30, 30-25, 15-9.

Playing well for the locals were Leslie Barber, Kerry Hill (defense), Holland Clark, Heather Arvidson and freshmen duo Lauren Hughes and Meghan Thomann.

The AHS freshmen capped an undefeated campaign with a 2-0 sweep in the other prelim, winning 30-25 and 30-22 behind the strong play of Jordy Shoemaker, Kim Crawford (setting), Elise Korte (setting) and Annie Tibbitts.

## Andover 2

## Haverhill 1

The Lady Warriors completed a season series sweep of host Haverhill (2-0 win on Sept. 24) with a roller-coaster 30-21, 27-30, 30-15 triumph over the Hillies (11-8).

"We had a tremendous defensive effort all night," said coach Sullivan. "Kids were 'pancaking' (diving on the floor to dig the ball out) and running into the stands to make plays."

"After losing the second game we came out strong and dominated the third. That's the way this team is. Lots of grit and determination. It's a fun group to work with and to watch."

The locals posted a season-high 35 kills and went 116-for-138 hitting (84 percent). There were also 13 aces and 77-for-83 serving (93 percent).

"The large number of kills keyed the win," said Sullivan. "Our kids were hitting the ball very hard."

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## ANDOVER SCORING

FOOTBALL  
(8 games)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Shaheen Ghandchi	8	0	48
Geoff Stevens	7	0	42
Buddy Farnham	6	0	36
Matt Hennessy	6	0	36
x Ken Masse	0	21	33
Mike Muccio	3	0	18
Mike D'Angelo	1	0	6
Pardeep Thandi	1	0	6
Tommy White	1	0	6

x = kicked 4 field goals

TD Passes: Geoff Stevens 9.

TD Receptions: Buddy Farnham 5, Mike Muccio 2, Pardeep Thandi 1, Tommy White 1.  
Top Rushers: Matt Hennessy 584 yards; Shaheen Ghandchi 576 yards.

GIRLS SOCCER  
(18 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Jackie Powers	26	15	41
Emily Pallotta	14	20	34
Jen Hagopian	12	6	18
Brittany Moriarty	5	7	12
Rikki Sartor	8	1	9
Maria Nasta	4	2	6
Katelyn Caro	2	3	5
Courtney Dynes	2	2	4
Jessica Ragnio	1	3	4
Rachel Fox	0	4	4
Michelle Pirro	2	1	3
Maggie Lamond	1	1	2
Cara Sullo	1	1	2
Marisa Evans	0	2	2
Sara LoMedico	1	0	1
Chrissy Peracchi	1	0	1
Emily Korba	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Jackie Powers 3, Rikki Sartor 1.

Shutouts: Micaela Smith & Kara Bularzik 6; Bularzik 1; Smith 1.

BOYS SOCCER  
(17 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Joe Savoca	6	6	12
Nate Baker	11	0	11
Jason Sheldon	3	5	8
Greg Famiglietti	2	6	8
Mike Baldwin	5	2	7
Vasilis Kostakis	5	2	7
Dave Checrallah	2	5	7
Greg Spurr	4	2	6
Eric Draper	2	3	5
Tyler Carroll	2	0	2
Brendan O'Connell	0	2	2
Matt Teperow	0	2	2
Luis Arboleta	1	0	1
Mike Canepa	1	0	1
Andy Boudreau	0	1	1
Ryan Greeley	0	1	1
Pierre Hage	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Nate Baker 1.

Shutouts: Mike Canepa 3; Chris Cole 2; Canepa & Cole 4.



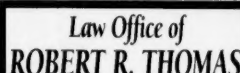
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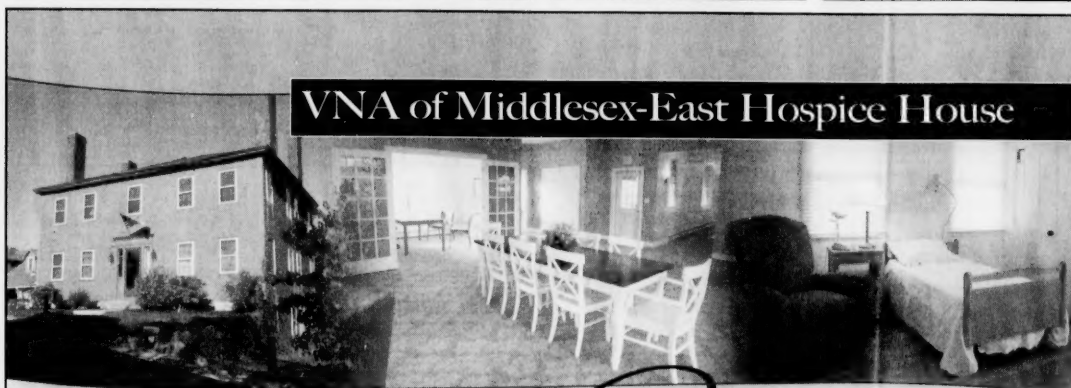
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## AHS ROUNDUP

### ■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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Samantha Kerivan had a monster match with 14 kills, 34-for-38 hitting, four aces, 20-for-20 serving and 22-for-29 passing.

"She had to be tired after the match with those numbers," said Sullivan. "It shows where our team was going with the ball – and who they have confidence in and trust."

"Sam and Robin Young may be the two smartest volleyball players we've ever had," added the coach.

Sara Kelleher saw plenty of action with seven kills, two aces, 26-for-32 hitting and 12-for-14 serving.

Capt. Erin Korte and Jen Merinder contributed four kills each, Korte a perfect 14-for-14 hitting while Merinder went 11-for-15 and added 6-for-8 serving with one ace.

Kelly O'Dea's three-game line included two kills, three aces, 16-for-17 hitting and 19-for-19 serving.

"Kelly is a tough player," said Sullivan. "She's relentless on the court and never wears down."

Andrea Kurkul finished with three kills, 11-for-18 hitting and 2-for-2 serving.

Also instrumental in the victory were Kristen Pinksten (two aces, 13-for-13 serving, solid defense), Allison Navarro (one ace, 5-for-7 serving, defense), Caitlin Toland (defense) and hitters Caitlin Jackson, Ashley Ahern and Kara McSweeney.

The Andover JV's pounded out a 2-1 victory, with the 30-22, 23-30, 15-11 triumph led by freshman Meghan Thomann (hitting), Kerry Hill (blocking), Kasey O'Dea (setting), Rebecca Dampousse (defense) and Amy Philpott (defense).

The AHS freshmen registered a 2-0 sweep by identical 30-16 scores, as top performers included Jordy Shoemaker (hitting), Katie Fionte (hitting), Annie Tibbitts (serving) and Annalise Mesler (serving).

### Central Catholic 2 Andover 0

In the first match after the Chelmsford loss, the Lady Warriors were missing in action as they suffered through a 30-13, 30-16 rout against unpredictable Central at the MVC Volleyball Night.

"It was a total breakdown," said coach Sullivan. "Part of it might have been an emotional carryover from the loss to Chelmsford. We didn't pass, set or hit well and it was a community effort."

"We knew exactly what we wanted to do. We had beaten them 2-0 earlier this season (Oct. 9). But we weren't aggressive and our heads weren't into it. Maybe our inexperience showed through."

Also not helping was a thumb injury suffered by All-Conference Samantha Kerivan late in the first game.

"We have to get our heads on straight again and get our confidence back for the tournament," said Sullivan. "We're playing for pride now."

Central also handed Chelmsford its only MVC loss, shocking the Lions 2-0 two weeks ago.

## BOYS SOCCER

Sophomore forward Nate Baker scored his team-high 10th and 11th goals, and keepers Mike Canepa and Chris Cole recorded their sixth straight shutout, as the Andover High boys varsity soccer team wrapped up regular season play with a 2-0 victory over host Billerica in a battle of Merrimack Valley Conference division champs.

The win nailed down outright ownership of the MVC 1 title for Andover, which finished 11-1-1 in conference play and improved to 13-2-2 entering this week's single-elimination MIAA Division 1 North Tournament.

Billerica, which had clinched the MVC 2 title a week earlier, fell to 10-4-3 overall and 7-3-3 in league play.

AHS will enter the tourney riding a six-game win streak, while goalkeepers Canepa and Cole are currently working on a scoreless string of 507 consecutive minutes.

The locals have seven shutouts in their last nine games and nine for the season.

The Golden Warriors have outscored the opposition, 44-9, and allowed more than one goal just once (2-2 non-league tie with Ipswich).

### All-Conference

Andover placed two players on the 2004 Merrimack Valley All-Conference Team and had five others selected as MVC All-Stars.

Senior Capt. Mike Canepa was named the Goalkeeper-of-the-Year, and he also finished a close second to top scorer Jason Bettencourt of Lowell in the coaches balloting for Player-of-the-Year.

Canepa is joined on the All-Conference squad by senior defender Brendan O'Connell.

All-Stars are senior midfielder and Capt. Greg Spurr, senior midfielder Vasili Kostakis, senior defender/midfielder Ryan Greeley, junior sweeper Greg Levis and senior forward/midfielder Greg Famiglietti.

Mike Wartman, in his third season as varsity head coach, was chosen MVC 1 Coach-of-the-Year.

The aforementioned seven AHS players participated in the annual MVC All-Star Game last Sunday afternoon at Lovely Field.

The Golden Warriors joined players from Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence and Tewksbury against a team comprised of the best from Lowell, Billerica, Central Catholic, Methuen and Chelmsford.

### Schedule

The 2004 MIAA Division 1 North Tournament boys soccer pairings were scheduled for release yesterday, after Townsman presstime.

### Andover 2 Billerica 0

Nate Baker scored the winning goal 30 minutes into the game, with assists to junior midfielder Jason Sheldon and team-high point man Joe Savoca (6-6-12).

Mike Baldwin started the play by feeding the ball to Sheldon, who found Savoca with a crossing pass. Savoca then set up Baker for a quick touch past Billerica keeper Jason Nieuweboer.

The insurance goal came in the 25th minute of the second half, when a Sheldon cross to the middle was headed over Nieuweboer's outstretched arms by Baker.

"The ball was passed into no man's land near the net – and Baker beat their keeper to it," said coach Wartman.

Andover held a wide 19-5 shooting edge, with Mike Canepa making four saves in 65 minutes and Chris Cole preserving the shutout with one stop over the final 15 minutes.

Nieuweboer was busy with 17 saves for the Indians.

Coach Wartman lauded the transitional play of midfielders Greg Spurr and Vasili Kostakis, along with the strong defense of Brendan O'Connell shifting between outside fullback and sweeper.

"The kids were well aware a win would give us the outright championship, and they followed through with another hard-working team effort."

"This was a nice way to end a terrific regular season," said Wartman. "The kids cleared every hurdle and met every challenge."

## FIELD HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity field hockey team has been seeded No. 1 in the Division 1 North Tournament, and the Merrimack Valley Conference champions open play in the single-elimination tourney this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. in a first-round game at AHS.

The Lady Warriors are set to host the winner of a preliminary round game between No. 16 seed Wakefield (7-6-5) and No. 17 Danvers (7-7-1) played earlier this week.

If AHS wins it will advance to the North quarterfinals to play the survivor of another first-rounder today between No. 8 Waltham (12-5-1) and No. 9 Pentucket Regional of West Newbury (11-5-3).

At presstime no date had been set for the quarterfinals, which would be another home game for Andover.

Previously-undefeated AHS, having already clinched its third MVC championship in the last seven years, suffered its first loss of 2004 when a second-half rally by Lowell produced a surprising 3-2 Red Raiders' victory in the regular season finale.

"Naturally we wanted to finish undefeated," said AHS coach Maureen Noone. "But we're very happy with the league title."

"Maybe the loss will relieve some pressure and allow the girls to relax a bit. The kids have put it (loss) behind them and are very excited about the tournament and our prospects."

Andover will enter the tourney at 15-1-2 overall, including 13-1-2 in MVC play which was five points ahead of co-runnersup Chelmsford (10-3-3) and Tewksbury (9-2-5) with 23 points each.

AHS has won seven games by one goal this fall, posted 10 shutouts and outscored its 18 opponents, 50-11.

The Lady Warriors are now 60-7-10 over the last four years, while coach Noone has a flashy 81-29-20 career record at Andover.

### Lowell 3 Andover 2

This loomed as a 'trap game' with Lowell playing very well, the title already secured and the Lady Warriors facing the added pressure of trying for an unbeaten regular season.

"It was just one of those things," said coach Noone. "Lowell has skilled athletes. Their style is to crack the ball long and chase it down with their speed."

"We played very well the first half – but they caught us off guard in the second half."

Andover grabbed a 1-0 lead when left wing Julie Marton stood at the left post and tapped in a pass from inner Toby Maltz just 5:38 into the game. Jacqui Munro started the scoring play with a free hit.

Lowell came out flying after the break and scored twice to take a 2-1 lead – only the second time AHS has allowed more than one goal in a game (3-2 win over Chelmsford Oct. 13).

Toby Maltz tied the score with 6:11 to play when she punched in an unassisted goal, her team-high 10th, during a scramble.

That set the stage for Ashley Rivera's game-winner with only 37 seconds remaining.

There was some confusion on the play, as several Andover girls slowed down expecting a whistle for a possible Lowell infraction that was not called.

Elissa Slovin made 10 saves in the Lady Warriors net, while coach Noone cited midfielder Munro, defender Jessie Shields and forwards Kerry Haugh, Casey Salois and Toby Maltz for strong performances.

"It was probably the biggest win in the history of our program," said Lowell coach Lisa Kattar. "Our players were psyched-up for the game and everyone came through with a big effort."

The Red Raiders have also qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament with a 9-4-3 conference mark that included an earlier 1-0 loss to Andover on Sept. 15.

## GIRLS SOCCER

The Andover High girls varsity soccer team, which this fall won its 13th Merrimack Valley Conference title in the last 19 years, closed out the 2004 regular season with a pair of non-league games at Lovely Field against powerhouse Bishop Fenwick of Peabody and neighboring rival North Andover.

In a possible preview of the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament title game, hopefully with a different result for the locals, Fenwick edged Andover 2-1 in a contest with tourney seeding implications.

The Lady Warriors came back 48 hours later, in the finale against North Andover, and battled to their first tie of the season, 1-1.

AHS heads into tournament play with a 15-2-1 overall record, which included a 12-1 MVC 1 mark and a 2-2-1 ledger in the final five games against outstanding opposition.

The Lady Warriors have scored 80 goals in 18 games, a 4.4 average, and own a wide overall 80-13 scoring edge on the opposition.

Goalkeepers Micaela Smith and Kara Bularzik have eight shutouts, and the pair had a scoreless streak of 501 consecutive minutes earlier this season.

### Top scorers

Jackie Powers (26 goals, 15 assists, 41 points) and Emily Pallotta (14-20-34) are

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## ANDOVER SCORING

### FIELD HOCKEY (18 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Jacqui Munro	6	15	21
Jamie Maltz	9	7	16
Toby Maltz	10	5	15
Debbie Cheng	7	3	10
Kara Flaherty	4	4	8
Julie Marton	5	2	7
Kerry Haugh	4	3	7
Molly Lieberman	2	0	2
Brianna Gross	1	1	2
Rithi Mathias	1	0	1
Casey Salois	1	0	1

**Shutouts:** Elissa Slovin 5; Ayesha Rabbini 1; Slovin & Rabbini 4.

## FOR THE KID IN YOU

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## College picks election winner

Once the people of the United States vote in the presidential election, the Electoral College goes to work.

Our founding fathers worried that choosing a president was too important to be trusted to common people. So they set up the Electoral College to handle the task.

The votes cast in the Nov. 2 election for president and vice president are really votes to select each state's electors.

Each state gets one elector for each of its U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives.

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In most states, a "winner takes all" system determines which electors are picked. The two exceptions are Maine and Nebraska. There, two electors are selected by statewide popular vote and

the remainder by the popular vote within each Congressional district.

The electors meet at each state capital on Dec. 13 to cast their votes for president and vice president. The votes are sealed and sent to the U.S. Senate. The votes are opened on Jan. 6 and read before both houses of Congress.

To win the Electoral College vote, the candidates for president and vice president must win an absolute majority, which is one vote over half.

If no candidate gets an absolute majority of electoral votes, the U.S. House of Representatives selects the president from among the top three contenders with each state casting only one vote. The U.S. Senate would select the vice president from the top two contenders for that office.

At noon on Jan. 20, the duly-elected president and vice president are sworn into office.



### Classroom activity

1. Add this Kid to your journal.
2. Find your state on the map. How many electors does your state have?
3. Which state has the most electors?
4. Which states have the fewest electors?



## Eliminate the Electoral College?

With the Electoral College, it is possible that the candidate who wins the most votes will not be selected as president. Some people think the popular vote should determine the winner. However, other people are reluctant to change a system that has worked well for over 200 years.

The presidential winner lost the popular vote only four times since the totals were recorded in 1824.

That year, Andrew Jackson got 153,544 votes to John Quincy Adams' 108,740 votes. Neither man won an absolute majority in the Electoral College. The House of Representatives, with one vote per state, selected Adams.

In 1876, Rutherford B. Hayes lost the popular vote to Samuel J. Tilden, 4,036,298 to 4,300,590 but won the presidency.

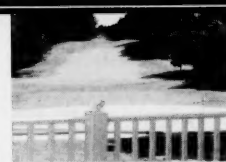
Grover Cleveland got more votes than Benjamin Harrison in 1888 but lost in the Electoral College. Cleveland won outright in 1884 and 1892.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## ■ GIRLS SOCCER

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among the top scorers in Eastern Mass.

Powers' 41 points are a new AHS single-season girls soccer record, while Pallotta's 20 assists are a new team mark.

Powers has also tied Katie Kramer for the single-season school high in goals scored.

The all-time AHS career scoring leader, the first Andover soccer player (boy or girl) to reach the coveted 100-point plateau, now has 75 goals and 34 assists for 109 points.

## Powers Player of Year

Jackie Powers was named 2004 Merrimack Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year by vote of the league coaches.

She is also one of four AHS players selected to the All-Conference Team, joined by junior midfielder Emily Pallotta, junior forward Jen Hagopian and senior goalkeeper Micaela Smith.

Chosen as MVC All-Stars were senior midfielder Brittany Moriarty, freshman defender Erika Leber, junior defender Jess Prencipe and junior midfielder Jessica Ragnio.

The eight AHS players participated in the annual MVC All-Star Game last Sunday afternoon at Lovely Field.

With the unique Andover coaching situation, co-heads Dick Loschi (19th year) and Meghan Lynch (first year) share MVC 1 Coach-of-the-Year honors.

Loschi has been tabbed several other times during his AHS career including last fall.

## Schedule

The 2004 MIAA Division 1 North Tournament girls soccer pairings were scheduled for release yesterday,

after Townsman presstime.

## Bishop Fenwick 2 Andover 1

Capt. Jackie Powers' 25th goal of the season came just 38 seconds into the game — but it was the only one the Lady Warriors could muster all night.

Emily Pallotta assisted on the tally, bringing the ball to the middle before passing through the Crusaders' defense to Powers on the left.

The AHS sharpshooter fired to the lower right corner of the Fenwick net.

But Meghan Gould countered with a pair of first-half goals for Catholic Central League champ Fenwick (15-1-2), and the teams then battled through a scoreless second half.

"This was played like a tournament game — with that kind of atmosphere and intensity," said co-head coach Loschi. "It was two excellent teams fighting to show the other their abilities."

"We were timid and tentative for the first 20 minutes, but played full-out to the max for the last 60 minutes."

"Their keeper (Amber Debold) came up big on two plays to save the win."

The first was a save on a partial breakaway by Powers, who pulled up and drilled a 12 yard shot that Debold stopped.

Powers also set up sophomore forward Rikki Sartor nicely in close on the left wing, but her shot deflected off Debold's hand and was cleared away by a Fenwick defender.

Both keepers, Capt. Micaela Smith for Andover and Debold, finished with four saves as both teams opted for quality over quantity in their scoring chances.

Playing strong games at midfield for the Lady Warriors were sophomore Rachel Fox and senior Marisa Evans.

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Prior to the game there was a brief

ceremony honoring Powers as the first Andover High 100-point scorer, with teammate Jen Hagopian presenting a game ball signed by all the AHS players.

"A list of her accomplishments was read as she was introduced before the game," said coach Loschi. "I don't know if she realized what was coming but she seemed surprised."

## Andover 1 North Andover 1

The regular season finale was played under the lights on a rain-soaked field, although the weather improved throughout the game.

The visiting Scarlet Knights, Division 2 North tournament qualifiers with a 9-3-5 record, took a 1-0 halftime lead on a goal by Kylie Hammond.

After trying to break through for 72 minutes, Andover eventually tied it with less than eight minutes remaining when Jackie Powers pumped home her record-tying 26th goal of the season at 32:10 of the second half.

Sophomore forward Rachel Fox started the play in the midfield area with a right-to-left pass to Powers.

The AHS goal machine faked to the right, spun left and left-footed a shot that beat NA keeper Laura Doran before settling in the lower right corner of the net.

Andover had at least three other solid chances to score.

Doran made a nice save on a high-arching shot by Pallotta, and in the first half she stood her ground to handle a bullet shot by Powers.

Late in the game senior defender Maggie Lamond had a strong bid off a corner kick, but the ball sailed inches over the crossbar.

"It was a typical North Andover-Andover game where tradition and rivalry mean more than the records," said Loschi.

"North Andover is an excellent defensive team and they play a physi-

cal game.

"The weather may have slowed us down a bit — but it was a good way to wrap up the season and celebrate Senior Night."

The Lady Warriors finished with a decisive 8-2 shots-on-goal edge, as Micaela Smith made one save for AHS and Doran had seven stops.

Also playing well for the locals were three seniors, defender Leslie Willey and midfielders Brittany Moriarty and Marisa Evans.

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It was Andover's Senior Night with 12 Lady Warrior 12th graders — Jackie Powers, Micaela Smith, Brittany Moriarty, Michelle Pirro, Maggie Lamond, Emily Korba, Marisa Evans, Kayla Parker, Kara Bularzik, Leslie Willey, Cara Sullo and Courtney Dynes — honored prior to the game with flowers and pictures.

## CROSS COUNTRY

James Primes and Maggie Cosgrove were the top two individual runners from Andover, while the AHS boys placed seventh and the girls were ninth in the varsity team standings at the rain-soaked 2004 Merrimack Valley Conference Cross Country Championship Meet held at Chelmsford High.

## Schedule

The annual State Coaches Invitational is this Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston (9:30 a.m.).

The Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship Meet is also at Franklin Park on Nov. 13.

Those teams and/or individuals qualifying will advance to the season-ending All-State Meet on Sept. 20 at Gardner Municipal Golf Course in Central Mass.

## MVC Championship Meet Andover boys

Senior Capt. James Primes was 25th in a field of 68 runners, covering the 3.1-mile Chelmsford course in 17 minutes, 10 seconds.

Also figuring in the team scoring for the Golden Warriors, 4-5 during the dual-meet season, were senior Capt. Jim Muller (34th, 17:44), senior Oleg Seletsky (35th, 17:51), junior Peter Brown (39th, 18:03) and sopho-

more Sayo Maldari (42nd, 18:19).

Others competing in the boys varsity race were junior Alex McCargar (44th, 18:20) and senior Garrett Raynor (50th, 18:43).

Andover finished with 175 points. The top three boys varsity teams were reigning EMass. Division 1 champ Methuen (55 points), Haverhill (57) and Chelmsford (55).

Lowell's Brian Gagnon was the individual race winner in 16:05, with senior John Kalinoski of Chelmsford second (16:08) and senior Jefferson Welch of Haverhill third (16:11).

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The Andover JV boys placed fifth with 141 points as Ben Ossoff finished 21st, Seth Johnson 25th, Peter Shaw 26th, Peter Roman 33rd, Derek Schwarz 36th, Tyson Smith 37th and John Downey 44th.

The freshmen were second in a six-team field with 54 points, runner-up to team champ Chelmsford at 33.

David Easton was the 3rd runner across, while other AHS frosh scorers were John Hyslip in 7th, Tim Russell 8th, Ben Insuik 16th and Cam Lownie 20th. Mike Primes placed 27th and Jonathan Morgan 33rd.

## Andover girls

Sophomore first-year cross country runner Maggie Cosgrove paced the Lady Warriors, finishing 36th in a group of 74 harriers while crossing in 22 minutes, 4 seconds.

Also scoring were senior Alice Yuan (50th, 23:27), junior Lindsay Schoen (54th, 23:42), sophomore Danielle Huggins (55th, 23:45) and junior Kara Busta (57th, 23:51).

Other AHS varsity division runners were junior Sarah Boxell (64th, 24:25) and sophomore Casey Deschene (67th, 25:19).

Top three teams were Chelmsford (39 points), Haverhill (57) and Central Catholic (81).

Chelmsford senior Meghan Curran won the race in 18:49, with sophomore Colleen McNaughton of Haverhill the runner-up (18:56) and junior Kate Knowles of Chelmsford third (19:15).

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The AHS junior varsity girls placed fifth with 134 points as Lindsay Smith finished 24th, Lauren

Vivian 25th, Amelia Hacker 27th, Kaileigh Sweeney 28th, Anastasia Sullivan 30th, Roopa Chari 31st and Kristina Fuerst 33rd.

The freshmen were fourth and boasted a pair of top 10 runners, Jess Forster 4th and Liz Sherman 7th.

Other scorers were Caroline Dampousse 13th, Annie Brown 26th and Emily McLaughlin 29th.

Andover had 79 points which was only four behind second-place Tewksbury (75). Central Catholic was the runaway winner with 46.

## GOLF

Andover High sophomore No. 1 golfer Colin Brennan and freshman No. 3 Jaclyn Sweeney have been named to the 2004 Merrimack Valley All-Conference Team.

Brennan recently completed a fine season for conference runner-up Andover (11-4-1), posting a 10-3-2 head-to-head match record against the best in the MVC.

He also tied for fourth place in the MVC Individual Championship, shooting a 78 at Merrimack GC in Methuen, and fired an 81 as team medalist at the Division 1 North Sectional Championship held at Beverly Golf & Tennis.

Sweeney lost only twice all season (11-2-1) and carded an 85 at the North Sectionals.

## Boys youth travel b-ball tryouts Sunday

The 20th season of Andover boys youth travel basketball kicks off this Sunday, Nov. 7 with tryouts at the Andover High Field House courts for youngsters in the 5th through 8th grades.

All 5th- and 7th-grade candidates should report from 4 to 5:30 p.m., while 6th- and 8th-graders should report from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

The four Andover boys teams will compete in the Merrimack Valley Travel Basketball League this winter, as well as entering numerous tournaments throughout the area.

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## WARRIOR FOOTBALL

## ■ WARRIORS, 45-0

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shutouts) and then lost to Central Catholic, 16-14, on Thanksgiving.

The 45 points against Methuen were the most by an AHS team, and the 45-point victory margin the largest, since a 47-0 romp over Lawrence High in late October of 1990.

It is also the third highest single-game outburst since 1980, with the other blowout a 49-0 annihilation of former MVC member Austin Prep in mid-September of 1981.

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Taking nothing for granted, Andover head coach Ken Maglio wanted to make sure his troops didn't let down against the winless Rangers.

"It's always tough to play an archrival — especially when they have nothing to lose," he said. "This was a big game for us, in terms of not letting down and keeping pace, and our kids executed well."

"We were fortunate to capitalize

on some early turnovers, which allowed us to utilize some of our younger players and get them valuable game experience. They were given the opportunity and responded by playing excellent football."

"Nathan Wiech was immense at his inside linebacker position," noted Maglio. "He made some crunching tackles that set the tone early."

In his best overall performance of the season, Wiech finished with a team-high 10 tackles, two caused fumbles, a fumble recovery and a sack.

"(Quarterback) Geoff Stevens was on target (11-for-17, 111 yards, season-best three TDs) and the offense was well-balanced."

Stevens' three TD passes — all in the second quarter to Buddy Farnham, Tommy White and Pardeep Thandi — give him nine for the season.

Shaheen Ghandchi sparked the 280-yard ground game with his second consecutive 100-plus performance, finishing with 115 yards on

just eight carries including a pair of first-quarter touchdowns on 46- and 11-yard sprints.

"The entire team practiced hard all week in preparation for Methuen," said Maglio. "You can't let down because the MVC is the toughest league and you have to be ready for every game."

"It doesn't get any easier from this point on — and the only way to succeed is through hard work."

Matt Hennessy added 66 yards rushing and he now has 584 yards for the season while Ghandchi boasts 576.

Farnham snagged six more passes covering 83 yards, while defensively linebacker Mike Muccio contributed six tackles, inside backer Dan Vining had five and nose guard Quincy Torres four.

Strong safety John Fox produced another interception and outside linebacker Kyle MacKenzie recovered a fumble and recorded a sack.

Andover had a prohibitive 33-0 halftime lead before tacking on solo TDs in the third and fourth quarters by Mike Muccio and Mike D'Angelo.

The touchdowns by White, Thandi and D'Angelo were the first of the season for each.

## Trophy winners

Andover won this rivalry's Klimas/Collins Trophy for the second straight year.

The award is named in honor of longtime Methuen head coach Larry Klimas, who passed away two years ago, and AHS Hall of Fame top man Dick Collins who directed the Blue Devils/Golden Warriors fortunes for 37 years from 1959 to 1995.

## Stats &amp; Facts

- In eight games Stevens has completed 63-of-120 passes for 950 yards and nine touchdowns ...

- The elusive Farnham now has 39 grabs for 726 yards and five TDs ...

- Struggling Methuen remained winless this season and has not chalked up an MVC victory in almost two years...

- After this loss the Rangers have been outscored by a whopping 189-42 margin ...

- AHS crushed Methuen 34-6 last fall, has won six of the last seven between the teams and owns a 15-10 series edge since 1980.



Shaheen Ghandchi had touchdown runs of 46 and 11 yards against Methuen to give him eight TDs in eight games.

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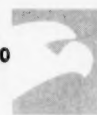
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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR



Jazz at the Hall will take place again this year in Old Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., featuring the New Black Eagle Jazz Band (pictured above). Tickets are \$20, available at Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Bookstore.

### Thursday, Nov. 4

**Art exhibit.** Local watercolor artist Liz Yeaton Wilson exhibits her work, 1-4 p.m., free, Edgewood, 575 Osgood St., North Andover.

**Art auction.** The Chelmsford Art Society will present a fine art auction featuring local area artisans' works including pottery, paintings, jazz trio performance and refreshments at 5:30 p.m. silent auction, live auction at 7 p.m., proceeds benefit the town's 350th anniversary and the youth art scholarship fund, \$20, Nashoba Valley Technical High School, 100 Littleton Road, Westford; 978-649-9741.

**Live reggae music.** Second World, Reggae Lounge, 21+, \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live folk music.** Job Shain, \$8-\$10, 9 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755, rls@capos-folk.com.

### Friday, Nov. 5

**Art show and sale.** Andover Artists Guild presents "The American Way," show features original paintings and photography, handcrafted jewelry and note cards; among the exhibitors are 12 Andover artists: Liz Bell, Sheila Corbitt, Golshan Coleiny, Bob Friedenson, Arlene Greenspan, Wilda Gerideau-Squires, Carol Boileau, Jim Primmer, Diane Butler, Paula Gronquist, Louise Small, and Elaine Meisinger; 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., admission is free; Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Elaine 978-475-5518.

**Wine Tasting.** The Merrimack Valley Hospice will kick off National Hospice Month by hosting its 3rd Annual All American Wine Tasting, experience fine wines, hot

hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment a silent auction and preview of the Andover Artists Guild Annual Show (see previous listing), proceeds benefit patients facing terminal illness, 7-9 p.m., \$50, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover; 978-552-4748, or request by mail, Merrimack Valley Hospice, Attn: External Relations, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

**Concert.** Middlesex Community College presents *A World of Music* featuring pianist and composer Stephen James performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Bartok, and some original compositions, 8 p.m., free, North Academic Hall, Building 6, 591 Springs Road, Bedford; Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, director, 781-280-3923, or contact peraltac@middlessex.mass.edu.

**Harvest Bazaar.** Aldersgate United Methodist Church is hosting its annual bazaar featuring crafts, country store, attic treasures and baked goods, all proceeds will benefit the church, 6-9 p.m., \$6 spaghetti supper, 235 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-2951.

**Opera.** The Longwood Opera presents Puccini's classic opera, *La Boheme*, featuring tenor singer Evan Denmark of Andover starring as Rodolfo, 8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, \$10 children 10 and under, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 435 Central St., Acton; 978-475-7130.

**Children's Theater.** Pingree School will present its fall theater production of *Charlotte's Web*, partial proceeds will benefit students scholarships to attend the Edin-  
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Allison Williams Chapman takes on the role of a Broadway singer when she performs next Saturday, Nov. 13 at Old Town Hall, in a benefit concert for Quota International.

## This cantor lets her hair down

Allison Williams Chapman is back with Broadway tunes

By Judy Wakefield

ARCHBISHOP SEAN O'MALLEY was in her audience last week at St. John's Seminary in Brighton while her most memorable show in Andover happened at South Church as it sold out three consecutive nights.

Allison Williams Chapman is back in town next weekend and will most likely startle first-time listeners when they learn her singing roots are religious.

"A really experienced liturgical singer, not a concert soloist," is how Chapman describes herself. From Wellesley to Maine, she's performed at weddings, funerals and other church-based events of many denominations for years. But every so often she needs to let her hair down and have some good old fun. That side of her personality is the one coming to Andover.

"Every now and then I need to break out," she said and that's when she steps into her footloose and fancy-free mode.

Next Saturday, Nov. 13, she trades in the cantor role for a Broadway singer role when she performs at Old Town Hall. It's a benefit concert for Quota International, a well-known women's service organization that has had a chapter in Andover for years.

Quota - which means "to share" in Latin - is raising money for a domestic violence relief program at the Lawrence YWCA.

Chapman is teaming up with Tom Harvey, a well-known local actor and singer, who has had lead roles in shows produced by South Church including *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Music Man*. He'll play the piano while Chapman belts out some popular Broadway show tunes. The program includes tunes from *Les Miserables*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Camelot* and *Music Man*.

Showgoers will be encouraged to sing along. Chapman provides plenty of sheet music at her shows and has been known to get unsuspecting audience members up on stage with her.

"I talk a lot, I laugh a lot and I just like to have fun," said Chapman, who moved to North Andover four years ago where she lives with her husband and three children.

A job as an assistant to maestro Gunther Schuller of Newton brought her east from Chicago, Ill. and she also got busy tapping into the local drama and music scene.

Her first local appearance was with South Church's *Music Man* production and subsequent engagements have been with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic as a principal soloist and serving as a guest artist for the Nesmith House Concert Series in Lowell.

Her 20-year professional vocal career may sound serious and classical, but that fancy-free side has provided a balance in her life as she simply loves people and making them a real part of her performances.

Sure, she loves the spiritual side of her music and the opera, but she also loves improv and even has her own comedy gig. She performs that when she needs to and was recently part of a comedy series staged

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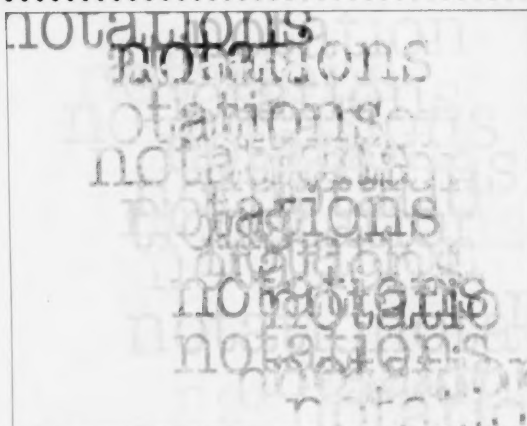
at Memorial Hall Library.

"I've studied everything," she said of her impressive ranging voice, which won the concerto award for opera at the University of Rhode Island and also got her a scholarship to Western Michigan University.

Always respectful of a religious audience, she brings a similar reverence to her other side. She plans to have a good old time next Saturday night in Andover and is confident her audience will be up for it.

### American Way Art Show and Sale starts Friday

Andover Artists Guild presents The American Way Art Show and Sale at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., starting tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The show features original paintings and photography, handcrafted jewelry and note cards. Among the exhibitors are 12 Andover artists: Liz Bell, Sheila Corbitt, Golshan Coleiny, Bob Friedenson, Arlene Greenspan, Wilda Gerideau-Squires, Carol Boileau, Jim Primmer, Diane Butler, Paula Gronquist, Louise Small, and Elaine Meisinger.



Phillips Academy's art department is having a faculty exhibit in Gelb Gallery, Chapel Avenue, through Dec. 15. The artists include Steve Wicks, Peg Harrigan, Elaine Crivelli, Emily Trespas, Therese Zemlin, Thayer Zaeder, Fran McCormick, Shirley Veenema, Ruth Quattlebaum and Gail Boyajian.

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**Tewksbury:** Cathy Mahoney 978-851-0395.

**Book sale,** the Friends of the Stevens Memorial Library will host their annual fall book sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven books will be sold by the bag from noon until 3 p.m., donations may be left in the Children's Room, 345 Main St., North Andover; Cornelia 978-685-1889.

**Theater,** Shenandoah Shakespeare Express presents *She Stoops to Conquer*, a comedy lampooning the quirks and customs of 18th century England from matchmaking and marriage to character and class, directed by Jim Warren, 7:30 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15 at door, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover, 978-837-5355, or visit [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

**Church fair,** Holy Angels Holiday Fair Committee will host its annual craft fair in two buildings featuring antiques, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, raffles and a variety of food, including a room filled with homemade cookies, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free shuttle between buildings, free admission and parking, Holy Angels Parish Center and Church Hall, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, N.H.; Cathy 603-382-7289, or church rectory 603-382-8324.

**Harvest bazaar,** Aldersgate United Methodist Church is hosting its annual bazaar featuring crafts, country store, attic treasures and baked goods; all proceeds will benefit the church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, \$8 lobster roll luncheon, 235 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-2951.

**Children's Theater,** See entry for Friday, Nov. 5.

**Church fair,** local churches of Amesbury will host the 9th annual Village of Church Fairs offering crafts, baked goods, holiday decorations, raffles and a variety of foods, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., seven churches all within walking distance, Main Street, Amesbury; 978-388-0684.

**Nordic Fest,** The Morgensen Lodge No. 545, Sons of Norway, presents the annual Scandinavian fair featuring food, gifts, music, viking ship replica, folk dancing and more, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission and parking, Topfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, Route 1; 603-569-1606.

**Live music,** Aloud, Failed Silence, Constants, \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, [www.evosarts.com](http://www.evosarts.com).

**Live folk music,** Don White, \$13-15, 7 p.m., Sam Hooper Band, \$5, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755, [rls@caposfolk.com](mailto:rls@caposfolk.com).

**Comedy,** Tony Moschetto, Tim

Kaelin, Owen Bonus, 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

**Andovers Artists Guild art show and sale,** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., See entry for Friday, Nov. 5.

## Sunday, Nov. 7

**Concert,** the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will present Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8*, under the direction of George Monsseur, cellist Emmanuel Feldman will also perform Shostakovich's *Concerto No. 1*, 2:30 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children under 12, the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., Route 114, North Andover; 978-372-8237, or [www.mvpmusic.org](http://www.mvpmusic.org).

**Cancer Walk,** 11th annual Country Club 5K Classic to benefit local cancer management centers and the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), 5K health walk 9:15 a.m., 5K run 9:30 a.m., \$13 pre-entry, \$17 post entry, \$25 sponsorship pledges, Merrimack Golf Course, 210 Howe St., Methuen; Brian Martin 978-685-3336.

**Opera,** The Longwood Opera presents Puccini's classic opera, *La Boheme*, featuring tenor singer Evan Denmark of Andover starring as Rodolfo, 2:30 p.m., \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, \$10 children 10 and under, First Baptist Church of Cambridge, 5 Magazine St., Cambridge; 978-475-7130.

**Craft show,** The Crafters LTD will host its annual holiday craft show featuring a collection of homemade items and gift ideas, this year items will be collected to send to troops stationed overseas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$2 admission, anyone bringing something for the troops will be admitted for half price, the Radisson Hotel, Chelmsford; 978-251-0551; for a complete list of items needed overseas, e-mail [craftershop@att.net](mailto:craftershop@att.net).

**Children's theater,** today's showtime is at 2:30 p.m.; See entry for Friday, Nov. 5.

**Food festival,** An Evening of Gourmet Delights Tasting Festival will feature appetizers, entrees and desserts from 13 restaurants and caterers, many silent auction items including New England Patriots and Celtics tickets, Wilmington Day of Beauty and a Lowell Night on the Town with an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn of Andover/Tewksbury, more than 50 raffle prizes, proceeds to benefit low-

income families in need of counseling at Wilmington Family Counseling Service, \$15 advance, \$18 door, Casa di Fiori; tickets available from Focaccia Ristorante, 2 Lowell St., Billy's Kitchen, 296 Shawheen Ave., Uptown Deli, 363 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington Family Counseling Service, 5 Middlesex Ave.; all in Wilmington.

## Monday, Nov. 8

**Piano workshop,** Andover Elementary School hosts *Learn to Play Piano in Three Hours*, an instructional course taught by professional pianist Frank Dunne, students will learn how to use chords instead of traditional note-for-note music reading, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Department of Community Services 978-623-8274.

**Meeting,** PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education and advocacy, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; Ralph Galen 978-475-4454.

**Open auditions,** for *Hello, Dolly!*, produced by the Valley Players at the Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 7-10 p.m., at the theatre. Production will run from Dec. 30 to Jan. 23, with rehearsals starting Wed., Nov. 10; looking for males and females of all ages, and all roles are open. Acting auditions will consist of readings from the script. Bring prepared sheet music, in the key in which auditioners intend to sing. Dress comfortably for a movement audition; 978-388-9444, or auditions@amesburyplayhouse.com.

**Gallery talk, reception,** on the treasures at the Addison Gallery of American Art, sponsored by Essex National Heritage Commission, \$15 non-members, free for members, Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; 978-744-0444.

**Sierra Club discussion,** slide show, about the Himalayas with Umesh Bhujji, 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Essex County chapter, Newburyport Library, Newburyport; 978-499-0779.

## Tuesday, Nov. 9

**A Very French Holiday Season,** Andover Garden Club program and raffle, Tori Samuel of Winston Flowers design group will present table arrangements to reflect the holiday celebrations of Hanukkah, Thanksgiving and Christmas; she will also present an indoor wreath and a buffet or foyer display, both of which are appropriate for any

holiday celebration. All of these modern French designs will incorporate fresh flowers such as orchids, amaryllis, tulips, anthurum, string of hearts, sweet peas, and tulips. The designs will showcase containers from Winston's and linens by Table Fashions. Raffle of more than a dozen holiday baskets and the floral arrangements will follow the program; 7 p.m., admission \$10 (reservations required); West Parish Church, Route 133 and Reservation Road; 978-470-0263.

**Preschool fair,** the Mother Connection will host its annual fair giving parents an opportunity to meet representatives and gather information from more than 25 area schools, free preschool directories and admission information, 6:30-9 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover; Susan 978-688-8969.

**Author's talk,** The Flint Memorial Library hosts Kate Clifford Larson, author of the biography *Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero*, 7 p.m., free, library activity room, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

**Jazz,** Tuesday night Jazz at the Sahara Club presents the Eric Bindman Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

## Wednesday, Nov. 10

**Lecture,** Donna Stellhorn presents a workshop on Feng Shui and Color. Learn how to add color to attract relationships, change color to bring more prosperity, even remove a color to improve health; 7:15-9:15 p.m., \$30, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St.; 978-474-8010, [www.circlesofwisdom.com](http://www.circlesofwisdom.com).

**Folken Word Open Mic w/J.P. Jones,** Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755, [rls@caposfolk.com](mailto:rls@caposfolk.com).

**Civil War discussion,** with the Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road (Rte. 1), Salisbury; Tom 978-462-8518.

## Thursday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day

**Live music,** Second World, Reggae Lounge, 21+., \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, [www.evosarts.com](http://www.evosarts.com).

**Live folk music,** Hot Day at the Zoo, \$5, 9 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755, [rls@caposfolk.com](mailto:rls@caposfolk.com).

## Friday, Nov. 12

**Opening reception,** Lorica Artworks, for *Wondrous Gifts*, featuring fine art from Ireland and America, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 90 Main St., Andover; 978-470-1829.

**Musical,** *Pinocchio*, produced by Merrimack Junior Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, \$8 at the door (if available), advance tickets through cast members, at the Strawberry Tree, Main Street, or at Department of Community Services; [www.merrimack-jrtheatre.com](http://www.merrimack-jrtheatre.com).

**Turkey raffle,** The Sacred Heart Parish hosts Turkey Cheer, featuring 20 rounds of raffles offering 50 turkeys, hams, fruit baskets and more, refreshments available, all proceeds to benefit the parish centennial celebration, 7 p.m., 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; 978-686-5712.

**Comedy,** Dan Kelly, 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

## Saturday, Nov. 13

**Live Broadway show tunes,** *Broadway Comes to Andover*, featuring Allison Williams Chapman and Tom Harvey, sponsored by Quota International of Andover, benefits YWCA programs that help victims of domestic abuse, 7:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., \$35 and tickets available at Vena Cocco, Olde Andover Village and Imagine That Florist, 2 Stevens St.; 978-474-0953.

**Country Fair,** Andover Baptist Church presents its annual fair featuring woodworking, baked goods, crafts and more, luncheon with hot chicken sandwiches, meatball subs and desserts, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 7 Central St.; Shirley Guild, 978-475-8380.

**Comedy,** Dan Kelly, 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

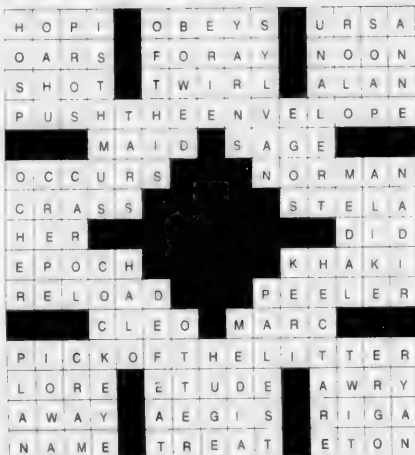
**Musical,** *Pinocchio*, 7:30 p.m., See entry for Friday, Nov. 12.

**Award ceremony, live music,** The 2nd South Carolina String Band of Gettysburg will be honored and will perform, 7 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, Gordon College, Wenham, sponsored by the Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack; Tom 978-462-8518.

**Live music,** with Peter Mulvey, \$12, 7:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St.,

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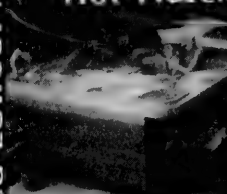
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## Sunday, Nov. 14

**Concert of music** about the night, darkness, dreams and the moon. ACMS ensemble in residence, Mistral, in *Moonlit Night*, with the music of Schoenberg, Schumann, Foote and Chopin with guest artist, baritone Sanford Sylvan, part of the Andover Chamber Music Series. Julia Scolnik, artistic director, 4 p.m., reserved seats \$30/\$25, student rush tickets \$8, group sales available, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222 or info@andoverchambermusic.org.

**Romanza II: Sing to Love!**, a program of love songs from opera, Broadway and popular music including works by Verdi, Puccini, Strauss, Bernstein, Rodgers and Hammerstein and more, presented by the Lowell Opera Company, featuring Andover tenor Evan Denmark, Andover soprano Christina Puntoni and baritone Tom Weber, 2 p.m., tickets are \$20 and \$18; Sullivan School, 150 Draper St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, lowelloperacompany@msn.com or www.operalowell.org.

**Musical, Pinocchio**, 2 p.m. (Sunday matinee sells early). See entry for Friday, Nov. 12.

## Ongoing Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, new exhibits: *Director's Choice: A Fresh Look at Winslow Homer*, through Jan. 2; *Getting Nasty: Politics, Patriotism, and Works on Paper*, through Jan. 2; *Terry Winters Paintings, Drawings Prints 1994-2004*, through Jan. 2; and *4 X 4: Selections from the Tyler Graphics Collection*, through Dec. 5; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

**Andover Historical Society, Art Mostly for Children** by Vicki Enright, as part of the ongoing Contemporary Artists Series, through October; Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

**Alpers Fine Art of Andover**, gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013, alpersfineart.com.

**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody**, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collection of North and South America



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**Lorica Artworks is celebrating the beginning of the holiday season at 90 Main St. with an art show called, "Wondrous Gifts," featuring new work from Irish and American artists. An opening will be held Friday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. According to gallery owner Mia Guerrero, "The show, Wondrous Gifts, is so named for the sense of wonder and pleasure a beautiful painting can bring to those who see it. No explanation is needed, because the artist has expressed himself with his paint, his eye and his heart, taking us to a place where our minds are open and anything is possible." For more information, call 978-470-1829.**

and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Essex Art Center, Main Gallery:** Annual Juried Show 2004, Juror: Joseph D. Ketter II, Henry and Lois Foster director of the Rose Museum at Brandeis, through Dec. 3, featuring works by Diane Ayott, Carol Davis Blackwell, Mary Ann Bushweller, Paul Callahan, Karen Clarke, Anna Comella, David Cugnasca, Sarah Doremus, Eli Goodwin, Alexis Granwell, Sean Greene, Diane Grieco, Thomas Hauck, Catherine Hauke, Peg Harrigan, Gayle Heney, Elizabeth Harris Ross, Bill Jose, Susan Kapuscinski-Gaylord, Laura Karetzky, Fred Lynch, Megumi Naitoh, Lucius Michel, Rob Millard-Mendez, Denyse Murphy, Robert Pyle, Anne Sargent Walker, Nancy Scull, Sarah Sorg, Emily Trespas, Paul Wain-

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## HOLIDAY TRADITION

## Brickstone to go with smaller, live tree

By Andy Smith

It may be awhile before Andover can again lay claim to having one of the country's largest Christmas trees.

For the 15th year, the owners of Brickstone Square will decorate a tree for the holidays. But this time, the tree will be only half the size of its predecessors and will become a permanent fixture in Andover.

In years past, Brickstone Properties would scour the Northeast looking for the largest tree it could find. The tree, historically 80 to 100 feet tall, would then be purchased and hauled to Brickstone Square, where it was displayed for the holiday season.

In January, the tree is dismantled and sent to a wood chipper. Its final resting place is the grounds of Brickstone Square, where the chips are scattered.

This year, out of both environmental and financial concerns, the company decided to buy a tree that will be planted in the square and left to grow with the community. Expected to arrive as early as this week, the first week in November, the tree is a blue spruce that is 40 to 50 feet tall, said Steve Pellegrino of Kortenhaus Communications, a Boston-based public relations firm that handles Brickstone's holiday festivities.

Pellegrino said financial concerns contributed to Brickstone's decision.

Brickstone Properties is owned by Andover Mills LLC, which finances the tree and the surrounding Santa's Village. In September, the office complex's largest tenant, manufacturing company Andover Controls, announced it was moving to North Andover. That left occupancy at about 60 percent at the 1.04-million-square-foot park. A year



Andover has had several Brickstone Christmas trees through the years. Now visitors will enjoy the same, living tree each year.

ago, another huge tenant, Internet incubator CMGI, left the complex.

Pellegrino said planting the tree was both an environmentally advantageous and economically feasible way to continue the tradition. He did not know what nursery the tree had been purchased from or how much Brickstone paid.

"We know the community loves this tree. The way we see it, we're making an investment in the community this year," Pellegrino said. "It's going to be around for many, many years, and nearby families will be able to come watch it grow."

While fully grown blue spruces can reach 100 feet tall, it will take years for the tree to reach the heights of its predecessors.

Ever since the tradition began, Andover has competed for the title of home to the Northeast's largest tree. Last year's stood taller than those at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City and the White House in Washington.

Despite losing bragging rights, Andover residents applauded the decision, saying their children probably won't notice the difference.

Bernadette Lionetta of 9 Punchard Ave. said a 40-foot tree will still be enough to overwhelm her three children.

"I think it's great they're going to plant it rather than bring in a new one every year," she said. "The majestic, huge tree that we've had has been extremely interesting to the children. But a tree is a tree is a tree. Something smaller is certainly not going to have a negative impact with them."

Another Andover mother, Kristen Hunt, agreed, and said that watching the tree grow will provide an educational component to her four children's holiday season.

"The kids enjoy seeing the huge tree, but now we'll be able to emphasize to the kids how it grows from year to year," she said. "And they'll still be in awe when they see all the lights and decorations and the whole feeling over there."

Pellegrino said the tree is the only significant change being made to the square's holiday festivities. Santa's Village will look much the same, he said. There will still be photos with Santa, with proceeds going to the Merrimack Valley YMCA. There will also be a Toys for Tots donation center and a letter-writing campaign to spread holiday cheer to troops serving overseas.

The new tree will be lighted on the night of Nov. 22.

## Web question

## More cash down sewer project?

Leek's Andover Townsman Web-site question was: Do you support raising this year's property taxes to put \$600,000 into a stabilization fund intended for town and school pay raises?

53 people voted.

• 2, or 4 percent, said "Andover needs to have something in its back pocket to offer town workers."

• 12, or 23 percent, said "The average property tax bill will go up about \$43. That small amount of money is worth it to help the town settle contract negotiations and be better prepared for other emergencies."

• 14 or 26 percent, said "Employees deserve their pay, but taxpayers need to send a message. Having no money for raises is another sign of the town's mismanagement."

• 4, or 8 percent, said "It's not worth it since \$600,000 would only offer a 1-percent raise. I think the union heads will hold out for more."

• 20, or 38 percent, said "I don't support any tax increases."

• 1, or 2 percent, said "Other."

This week's Andover Townsman Web-site question: Should voters approve an additional \$2.5 million for the sewer expansion project at Town Meeting?

• Yes. Residents were promised sewer hookups and we need to finish the job. Approving the article will not affect voters taxes, but shooting it down will leave some 90 households without sewer connections.

• No. Voters already approved an additional \$1.25 million for the project. Why should any more funds get pumped into this money pit? It just goes to show that the town has planned poorly.

• They have us over a barrel on this one. But it is time to hold elected and appointed officials accountable for the problems with planning large projects.

• Other.

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## Teachers union: 'Patience is wearing thin'

■ DEMONSTRATION  
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School Committee Chairman Tony James said it was a mutual decision by both sides involved to break for the summer. This allowed information from last fiscal year to be made available. By the end of September, said

James, people have a better understanding of the implications for the upcoming fiscal year after reviewing new growth and expenses from the previous school year.

## January beginning

In January, the School Committee, school administrators and the teachers union came to a collaborative decision that Andover's teacher contracts should fall in line with compara-

ble school districts.

According to Meyers, a process known as interest based bargaining collected data from eight towns including Needham, Belmont and Lexington, that show income earnings, property values and education performance ratings similar to Andover.

"Andover is comparable and we do not want to fall behind," said Meyers. "We have well educated and very professional

teachers and we need to maintain that. In order to keep these people, we need to be competitive with other towns."

Meyers is anticipating that Thursday's demonstration for a "fair and equitable" contract will provide the final push needed to end negotiations and give educators a contract. A formal collective bargaining session is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

In a joint statement released by the School Committee and the Andover Education Association following an Oct. 20 meeting, both parties said they were working together to reach a mutually satisfactory contract and that many issues remain to be resolved.

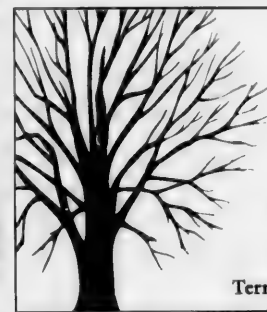
"We are committed to working together to bridge the gap to assure a fair and appropriate compensation package," the release stated.

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# Opinion

## Special Town Meeting message

ANDOVER RESIDENTS have spent the last decade watching their taxes rise substantially, while several major projects have spun out of control. When residents celebrated the town's 350th anniversary in 1996, the owner of the average single-family home was paying \$3,684 in taxes. This fiscal year, less than a decade later, the owner of the average single-family home will pay about \$5,900 in taxes. The Andover High School project, new safety center and sewer expansion project each have run years behind schedule and more than \$1 million over their respective budget.

Now, at a Special Town Meeting on Nov. 9, town leaders will ask for two things.

First, they will ask for residents to approve a no-strings-attached \$600,000 tax hike, less than seven months after the last increase. They will do this because they did not include any money in the annual budget for employee raises, even though all town contracts expired in June. But they offer no guarantees the money will even be spent on raises.

Second, they will ask for another \$2.5 million to finish the sewer job. They will do this less than seven months after asking for an extra \$1.25 million to finish this project.

Many longtime residents worried about having to move because they cannot keep up with their skyrocketing property taxes. The time has come to say enough is enough.

Rejecting a mid-fiscal year tax hike seems a reasonable place to start. That's why it makes sense to **vote No on Article 1.**

Residents who want to send a message that they are angry because the town keeps producing projects that are years late and millions of dollars over budget might be tempted to reject the request for \$2.5 million extra to finish the sewer-expansion project. But rejecting the sewer project is not the way to send a message. Fellow residents have been promised sewer connections, and in some cases have health-department variances relying on this project.

Also, the project is not paid for through taxes. Two-thirds of the cost is paid for through betterments charged to those benefitting from the project. The remaining one-third is paid for by current sewer users.

Special Town Meeting should approve the extra money to finish the sewer project, and **vote Yes on Article 2.**

However, residents can and should use the Special Town Meeting to demand answers from leaders. Residents deserve to know: will anyone be held accountable for the problems? The town manager, the man responsible for large projects, must explain why the \$2.5 million extra in sewer costs were not anticipated in April.

Selectmen need to say if they find this acceptable. During the years the selectmen have reviewed the town manager – and they did not always do this – they have done so behind closed doors. Selectmen have kept their individual evaluations of the town manager secret, emerging from secret sessions with only a tame joint evaluation. Last year, they offered the town manager not only a raise but a bonus, too.

Selectmen should evaluate the manager in public so that the town can know what sort of standards are being set by their individual elected officials. Residents should demand to know what kind of job the selectmen themselves are doing. Until town leaders are willing to do this, they should not emerge from behind closed doors to ask for more money to finish mismanaged projects.

### FALL, SPECTACULAR



Clockwise from lower left, Meera and Maya Patel, Kyra and Brendan Englert play in a pile of leaves at Hearthstone Place.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

## LETTERS

### Halloween story lacked proper skepticism

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Your paper's credulous piece (on page one, no less) regarding ghosts, dowsing and contacting the dead cried out for a skeptical response. Far from providing a touch of humor, much less an opinion from someone in the reality-based community, you all but endorsed alleged ghost-busting services, even to the extent of providing contact numbers.

Those who live in old houses are all too aware that insects, stains, noises and the like are generally easily explained without dubious recourse to supernatural explanations.

I hope the paper would never treat a town official or State-house source with the utter suspension of disbelief with which you embraced this nonsense.

Shame on you.

Michael Kempster  
132 Holt Road

### Teacher seeks contract support

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The interest-based bargaining between the School Committee and the Andover Education Association has so far failed to produce an agreement on a number of issues including working conditions and compensation. As a result, the AEA is planning actions designed to enhance public awareness of the issues and move the negotiations closer to resolution.

Being a veteran teacher here in Andover, I have experienced several bouts of intense political action in response to failed contractual negotiations with the School Committee. Like many of my teaching colleagues, I have yet to understand why the teachers of one of the best school systems in the Commonwealth should have to endure affronts to what we collectively stand for: the continual development of the best public education for the children of Andover.

When residents happen upon teachers demonstrating for an amenable end to the present contract dispute, I encourage them to take a moment to reflect upon their accomplishments and the futures integrity of their mind. An educated mind can navigate life's diverse experiences and manage them with power and decisiveness. And educated mind creates opportunities that lead to growth and self-development. What the mind can perceive, the body can achieve.

All we are saying, is give education a chance.

Bill Kolbe  
Andover High teacher  
Argilla Road

### Vote no: 'Time for a change, but not in our tax rates'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The election is over, but Andover voters have one more vote to cast, that at the Special Town Meeting that has been called for this Tuesday, Nov. 9.

I ask them to join me in voting "No" to both warrant articles being presented.

The first article leaves me speechless, which is no small feat in itself. Essentially, we are being asked to appropriate monies that have no defined purpose, wink, wink, although we all know that they are to go toward increases for the currently expired contracts of our town employees.

No one needs to convince me that raises are deserved. Firefighters, custodians, police, teachers, secretaries, all deserve COLA increases. They work hard and truly do great work.

My contention is that residents should have no confidence whatsoever in the professional leadership of either the town or the schools, and to give them more money, particularly in articles so vaguely worded, is

just insanity. Nor do our elected boards, which are all in favor of these articles, inspire confidence that they will provide taxpayer oversight to these leaders. In this case, past performance is certainly an indicator of future results.

The School Committee, fresh off last year's fiscal crisis which was courtesy of the superintendent's willful disregard of the state "Time on Learning" mandates, responded by awarding her a multi-year contract with guaranteed raises. They did this in secret and, despite the outcry, even conducted the public ratification of this contract on an August evening, without publicizing it in the agenda. They truly do not get it.

The selectmen continue to praise and reward the town manager with raises and perks, despite his inability to complete any capital project we undertake on time and on budget. The safety center overruns are still being paid for, and now we are discovering that the sewer pro-

ject was also poorly managed, with no apparent oversight to overruns in police details, which has busted the budget. I don't blame the police officers – they work those details, they put in the hours and should be paid. It is the town manager's job to stay on top of this project, something he clearly let get out of hand. Now we have this Special Town Meeting article, which we hope will be enough, but let's face it, it will not be. It never is. We are never given the full picture, just bits and pieces as we are strung along. Despite all of this, the selectmen are recommending approval. They truly do not get it.

The Finance Committee approves under the same tired old "it will cost more later" saw. Well, of course it will. But we cannot fix everything that is broken every year. We have to make choices, and my choice is not to continue to give, but rather, to ask our leadership to provide, well, leadership. They truly do not get it.

Here's an idea. Try eliminating the waste and redundancies that exist, with multiple IT systems, a Plant and Facilities Department that should be combined with a DPW department, eliminating all the layers of heads, assistant heads, supervisors and the like. Let's take a look at the Taj Mahal water treatment facility. There are many places another town manager could look to drive efficiencies. I do not believe our current town manager is willing, or capable, of doing that.

It is time for a change, but not in our tax rates. Let's attend on Nov. 9 and vote "No" on both articles.

Gerry Gustus  
5 Fern Road

### Attend Special Town Meeting

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The League of Women Voters encourages all Andover voters to attend the upcoming Special Town Meeting to help make some budget decisions.

Due to larger-than-projected revenues, Andover can fund everything approved at last spring's Town Meeting and either 1) lower property taxes for this fiscal year or 2) tax the originally planned amount and put the excess money into the town's Stabilization Fund. An often mentioned rationale for putting this money into the Stabilization Fund is that a

future Town Meeting could use it to help cover any negotiated salary increase for town employees.

Article 2 at Special Town Meeting asks voters to approve additional spending to complete the sewer project in south Andover. We encourage people to come to Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Collins Center and be part of the decision-making process.

Peggy Kruse  
President  
LWV, Andover/N. Andover  
145 Argilla Road

## THE THURSDAY FILE

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.

SENECA THE ELDER

I've never known a man worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline...

I firmly believe that any man's finest hour – this greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear – is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle victorious.

VINCE LOMBARDI

To listen fully means to pay close attention to what is being said beneath the words. You listen not only to the "music," but to the essence of the person speaking. You listen not only for what someone knows, but for what he or she is. Ears operate at the speed of sound, which is far slower than the speed of light the eyes take in. Generative listening is the art of developing deeper silences in yourself, so you can slow our mind's hearing to your ears' natural speed, and hear beneath the words to their meaning.

PETER SENGE

Decide on what you think is right, and stick to it.

GEORGE ELIOT

### The Oscar Wilde quotation

The imagination imitates. It is the critical spirit that creates.

### Best quotation sent

Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at [www.hudsonvalley.ca](http://www.hudsonvalley.ca), and it offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

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## OBITUARIES

## Lucille H. Gordon

Former longtime resident was a registered nurse

Lucille Helena (Howard) Gordon, 91, of Sudbury and a former longtime resident of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 29 at Metro West Union Hospital in Framingham.

She was born in Jacksonville, N.C., and graduated from North Carolina State Hospital with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Mrs. Gordon was a registered nurse and worked at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, the former Clover Hill Hospital in Methuen, and Goldwater Memorial Hospital in New York.

She was the widow of Hans D. Gordon.

Members of her family include three children, Linda Gordon Taite of Malden, Richard Anthony Gordon of Lawrence, and Sharon Gordon Crafts of Hudson; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours and a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Negro College Fund.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## John L. MacDougall

Retired from Agfa Corp.

John L. MacDougall, 81, of Mountain Top, Pa. and formerly of Andover and Merrimack, died Tuesday, Oct. 26 in Pennsylvania.

Mr. MacDougall was born in Boston and was retired from Agfa Corp. in Wilmington.

Members of his family include his wife, Ruth (Hamilton) MacDougall of Mountain Top; two daughters, Lorraine Nash and her husband Gerald of Mountain Top and Jean MacDougall-Tattan and her husband Gregory of Merrimack; and four grandchildren.

He was also the father of the late Ruth A. MacDougall.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Harrison F. Gray

Former resident worked for Andover Post Office

Harrison F. Gray, 88, of Concord, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Oct. 26 in Concord.

He was born in Lowell and was retired from the Andover Post Office.

Mr. Gray served in the US Navy SeaBees in the 20th Battalion during World War II.

Members of his family include his wife, Barbara (Fawcett) (Wilczynski) Gray of Concord; children, John V. Gray of Tuftonboro, N.H., Eileen Hadley and her husband, James, of Northwood, N.H., Michael Wilczynski of Asburnham, Patricia Wilczynski of Concord, Peter Wilczynski of Montana, Eric Wilczynski of Warner, N.H., Joseph Wilczynski of Rindge, N.H., and Mary Wilczynski of Lowell; a sister, Betty Greenwell of Chesapeake City, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

There were no calling hours and burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Heights, Havenwood Endowment Fund, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Albert Normand

Lawrence native

Albert Normand, 91, of Andover, died Thursday, Oct. 28 at Wingate at Andover.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Normand attended Lawrence schools and worked for the Meyer Box Co. in Lawrence.

He was the widower of Rose (Campione) Normand.

Members of his family include his niece and caregiver, Theresa M. Hollins and her husband Vincent of Methuen, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

## Anne B. Coppeta

Was a textile designer

Anne B. Coppeta of Andover, died Monday, Oct. 25 at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was a textile designer and later worked for Western Electric until her retirement in 1971.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Members of her family include two sisters, Edna Z.

Coppeta and Marianne Brainerd and her husband Eric, all of Andover; brother-in-law, Frederick Brainerd of West Ossipee, N.H.; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; one great-grandniece; and one great-grandnephew.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Gilda Walsh, Ida Coppeta, Pascaline Leonard, Rosemary Cooper, and Flora Brainerd.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Yvonne M. Dubois

Calling hours are today

Yvonne M. (Catineau) Dubois, 85, died Sunday, Oct. 31 at Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Dubois worked at Raytheon Co. in Waltham before retiring.

Members of her family include her husband of 68 years, Arthur A. Dubois; sons, Leo A. Dubois of Lawrence, Robert M. Dubois of Peoria, Ariz., and Paul A. Dubois of Seabrook, N.H.; sister, Therese Becotte of Methuen; brother, Lionel Houle of Salisbury; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also the mother of the late Arthur J. Dubois.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Nov. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

A Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church.

Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

## DEATHS

Anthony "Tony" Borges, 88  
Lillian R. Cohen  
Anne B. Coppeta  
Yvonne M. Dubois, 85  
Lucille H. Gordon, 91  
Harrison F. Gray, 88  
Joseph A. Lawlor, 75  
John L. MacDougall, 81  
Albert Normand, 91  
Ruth B. Yukno, 79

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**BORGES** — Anthony "Tony" Borges, 88, of Salem, N.H., died Sunday, Oct. 24 at Prescott House in North Andover. Members of his family include his daughter, Beverly J. and her husband William S. MacLeod of Andover.

**COHEN** — Lillian R. (Hark) Cohen of Revere, and formerly of Lake Worth, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 29. Members of her family include her son, Alan Cohen and his wife, Diana, and her daughter, Iona S. Leinson and her husband Marshall, all of Andover.

**LAWLOR** — Joseph A. Lawlor, 75, of Haverhill, died Thursday, Oct. 28 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Mr. Lawlor taught at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover in the manpower development program.

**YUKNO** — Ruth B. Yukno, 79, of Lawrence died Saturday, Oct. 30 at Lawrence General Hospital. She worked as a quality control inspector at the Gillette Co. in Andover before she retired.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Bereavement — Heart of Grief Education**, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested, call Nancy Thornton at 978-374-9257 for more information.

**Bereavement — Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support**, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offering free six-week support group designed especially for young widow and widowers, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

**Bereavement — Perinatal loss support group**, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

**Bereavement — Renew**, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

**Bereavement — Safe Place**, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

**Bereavement — Samaritans**, information night, 1st Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth

Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

**Bereavement — Surviving the Death of a Loved One**, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

**Bereavement — Visiting Nurse Hospice** will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice; Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

**Bereavement — Widowed Persons Service**, an all-volunteers organization co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed for at least 18 months, for its training program; Lori Maguire 978-475-5556.

**Bereavement — Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support**, non-sectarian mutual help organization during bereavement and readjustment period, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., A "moving-on" group for persons widowed longer, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Francine Fuller 978-475-8186.

**Bereavement — Adults, Mid-Year Widow and Widowers, Children**, VNA of Middlesex-East offers bereavement support groups for adults Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.; mid-year widows and widowers (ages 59-70) Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.; children and parent/guardian Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m., all groups meet for six weeks, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, Wakefield, 607 North Avenue, second floor, door 17; Pat Kumph 781-2234-3399.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## 100 Years Ago — 1904

This year for the first time a change is to be made in the time and place of voting and all voters should be aware of the fact. The polls will be open at 6 a.m. instead of 6:30 as in previous years, and the voting will take place in the lower town hall. It has not been deemed necessary to use the large hall for the national election as at no time during the day is the crowd large enough to warrant its use.

One week from tomorrow, the annual football game between Andover and Exeter will take place.

Justin E. Clark cut an artery in his left arm on Monday afternoon while at work at the home of James Eaton on Cuba Street. The wound was caused by the slipping of a jack-knife. He was taken to Dr. Abbot's, where the wound was dressed.

A dance will be held in the Grange Hall on Monday evening by the young people of the Grange. The admission will be 25 cents and will include a barge ride from the square at 7:30. Ice cream and cake will be on sale.

A number of local students of MIT were present in the riot at that institution on Wednesday evening. Some of them received painful bruises from the policemen's clubs.

A false alarm was rung in from Box 44 at the junction of School and Locke streets at about 9:15 on Monday night. The firemen discovered that the alarm was a hoax and returned to the station house. A number of students gathered around the box were very ungentlemanly in their language and conduct.

This evening an apron and necktie party will be held in the

Town Hall under the auspices of the Sunday school teachers of St. Augustine Church. A large attendance is anticipated and all who go are assured a good time.

A pleasant Halloween social was held at the Free Church vestry last Friday evening under the social committee of the Christian Endeavor society. The vestry was decorated with autumn fruits and vegetables and made the room look very attractive and appropriate for the occasion. Jack-o-lanterns were prominent in the front of the vestry.

About 20 young men of the town assembled in the parish house of Christ Church on Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).

## 75 Years Ago — 1929

John Cameron and family have moved from Maple Avenue to Roslindale.

Advertisement: WEEKEND SPECIAL: Frozen Pudding Ice Cream 25 cents, P. SIMEONE & SONS.

Miss Mary Loosigian of Lowell Street met with a serious accident Monday. On leaving from the school bus at her home, she went across the street to the mailbox, when a machine hit her, throwing her to the pavement and breaking her arm as well as injuring her knee.

An arm broken in two places is the result of an accident sustained by Williams J. Seyder of Baker's Lane when he was running railroad ties through a circular saw driven by his Ford motor. The shaft of the saw broke suddenly, hitting Seyder in the arm and also injuring

Robert Ross in the leg.

A spelling match and entertainment will be held in the community room, Nov. 22 sponsored by the Bradlee Mothers Club. All children in the fourth through sixth grades are eligible to enter. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Tree Warden Ralph Berry with his assistants have been busy in this town several days, trimming the trees and doing tree surgery on the public highways.

## 50 Years Ago — 1954

Rain put a damper on the big street parade that had been planned for the Halloween merry-makers but it did not interfere with the fun and entertainment at the Memorial Auditorium, the old North School, the West-Center Elementary School or the Bradlee School, where the community parties were held.

Andover schoolteachers are asking for substantial increases in their maximum salaries and a flat \$300 dollar rate in yearly increments.

Andover's building boom took another great spurt in the month just passed when permits for more than 40 new residences were issued by Building Inspector Ralph W. Coleman. The estimated cost of these new buildings is \$534,600, the largest ever recorded for a single month, according to the building inspector's records.

Miss Joan Robinson attended the football game at the University of Massachusetts on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Barous of Central Street, whose son, Roger, plays football for the university.

## 25 Years Ago — 1979

The dogs of Mary Manock, 185 Elm St., have been placed on a 30-day probation by selectmen, and if there are no further complaints about the dogs during the period, they will no longer be monitored by the town animal control officer.

The Andover High Student Advisory Council has been given tentative approval for early dismissal of deserving seniors in the spring. The school committee and administration last week generally favored the plan for seniors to get out a few days early in order to seek and start jobs ahead of the summer rush.

A Ford dump truck, allegedly driven a Memorial Circle man,

crashed into the front of 79 High St. at about 10 p.m. on Monday, damaging the first floor piazza and second floor sunporch.

This Friday's movie feature at 8 p.m. at the High School is *Jaws*, said to be "one of the most thrilling adventure movies ever made." In the riveting sea drama, Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss become allied in a life-and-death hunt to destroy a devastating killer shark "embodying nearly three tons of instant and terrifying white death." An admission fee will be charged at the door.

## 10 Years Ago — 1994

Bill Fahey was hired earlier this year as the town's first youth services coordinator. Fahey is working with the Andover Youth Council, also a newly formed group this year, on plans for a new "Field of Dreams" youth center, which may be built at Recreation Park.

The Andover girls varsity soccer team capped a superb regular season by clinching the Merrimack Valley Conference championship with a 5-2 victory over Chelmsford on the annual "Senior Night" at Lovely Field.

The Lady Warriors Swim Team will compete in the annual MVC Championship Meet, which opens today with the diving and 500-yard freestyle at the Shawsheen Tech pool in Billerica. The remaining 10 events will be contested tomorrow at Haverhill.

Under the current law, drivers and all passengers more than 16 years old can be fined \$25 for failing to wear a seatbelt. However, police can only impose the fine if a driver has been pulled over for another violation. New Hampshire and Maine are the only states without mandatory seat belt laws.

One or more thieves smashed the front door of the Athlete's Corner sporting goods store at 8 Main St. early Tuesday morning and made off with a number of jackets.

A 20-year-old woman was taken by a MedFlight helicopter from the lower Shawsheen soccer field Monday morning after she fell from a counter while cleaning at McCabe & O'Brien Law Office, and couldn't get up. The woman was taken to Boston City Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition.

— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Noelle Petrillo

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# Townspeople

## Red Sox Fever: A World Series victory – at last!

By Rita Savard

SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT they would never see the Red Sox win the World Series in their lifetime.

Salvatore "Sully" Savinelli, celebrating his 97th birthday this Saturday, has lived to see Boston's former underdogs win twice. Even though it took 86 years in between, Savinelli didn't mind the wait.

"I don't follow the game regularly, or know all the statistics," admits the fairweather fan. "But everyone's a fan when they win. They played a good game."

The longtime Andover resident, and his wife Elizabeth, 88, remember the days when The Babe ruled Boston and the game's season came to a close in the early days of September.

In 1918, long before "The Curse" was a common association with Red Sox baseball, Savinelli was 10 and Boston – then the best team in baseball – won their first and last championship game.

Until now.

"So many of us have waited so long," said Dave McGillivray, organizer of Andover's Feaster Five Road Race, in an e-mail.

Now 40, McGillivray said he and his brother, Alan, have been following the Red Sox since the two were just boys in Little League.

After waiting through a lifetime of losses, McGillivray, and millions like him, experienced what it felt like to win in baseball.

And then, beyond what he could have ever imagined, his luck got even better.

McGillivray was asked to supply his truck to cart photographers along crowded Boston streets for the Red Sox victory parade last Saturday.

"I awoke (that) morning at 4 a.m., thinking I would just stay home and watch the parade on TV," McGillivray said.

But a phone call from a friend changed McGillivray's mind without a moment's hesitation.

"You could feel the excitement

along Boylston Street building and building," he said. "But it truly didn't seem like a rowdy or boisterous crowd, just a happy and proud group."

McGillivray's vehicle took off from the Fenway outfield about 10:15 a.m., leading the parade with all the Red Sox players trailing close behind in Duck Boats.

The rolling caravan was showing cheering fans – a reported 5 million in attendance – with confetti and blaring Queen's *We Are the Champions*.

McGillivray, who is also the race director for the Boston Marathon, said the parade's attendance was even greater than the famous annual athletic event that draws in an international audience.

"The crowds were 10 deep, then 20 deep, then 30 deep," recalled McGillivray. "Hanging out on buildings, on ledges, on street light poles, on each other's shoulders."

Describing the visual riot as a "triathlon" with fans walking, riding and floating, McGillivray was surprised to spot his two sons, Ryan and Max, among the bodies stretching out for miles.

After two hours of total euphoria, McGillivray waxes poetic as he compares crossing the Boston Marathon finish line on Boylston Street to the long run it took for the Red Sox nation to live in that moment.

"True, it is only a game," admits McGillivray. "The true heroes are overseas right now, and in the classrooms, and in the operating rooms and in our own homes. But... for the first time in my adult life, I was truly overwhelmed to be tossed in the middle of something quite so special."

For fans new and old, the moment when the Red Sox put 86 years of superstitions behind them, will undoubtedly be revered as the single greatest sports win in New England's history for years to come.

Gerry Gustus of 5 Fern Road predicted the Red Sox would win

the World Series in an e-mail Aug. 21. A lifelong fan, he said the "Evil Empire" in New York would be no match for this year's edition of the Red Sox.

The Sox not only marked a milestone in baseball, but also marked a milestone in the life of Andover resident John Formichella.

Formichella received an unforgettable gift on his 18th birthday – a trip to St. Louis to watch the Red Sox play in Game 4 of the World Series.

"I was expecting them to blow the lead, the way they always blow the lead," Formichella confessed. "We're so used to losing. I thought they would win the first three games and lose the last four."

Towards the end of the game that ended all the others, Formichella heard something amazing.

"Cardinal fans were cheering 'Let's go Sox!'" he said. "I think they just appreciated the fact that we deserved it. It was awesome."

When the Sox pulled off what was said to be unthinkable for so many years, Formichella recalls just falling back in his seat, unable to comprehend what was going on.

"I was so shocked that at first, I felt no emotion at all, just awe," he said.

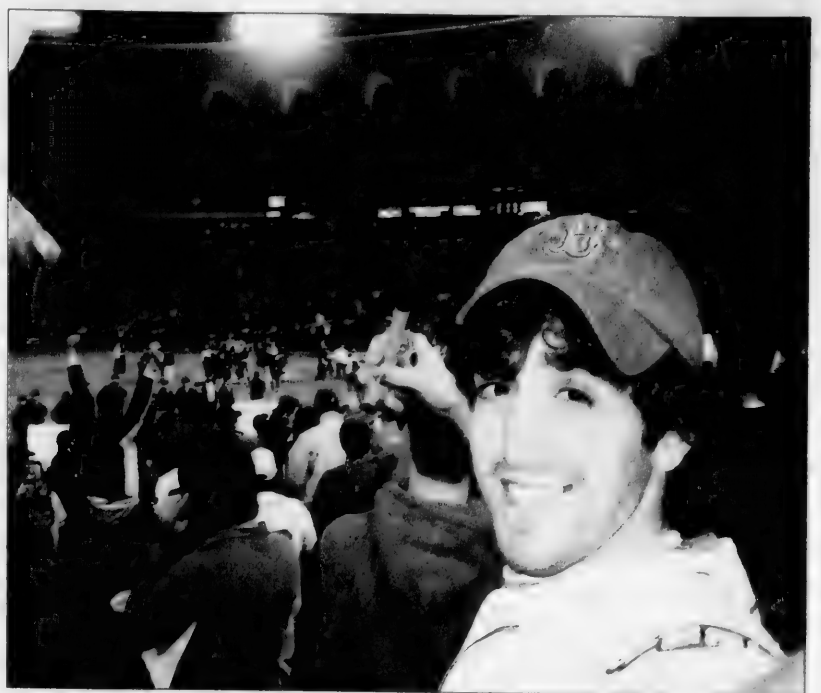
"An 85-year old Red Sox fan came over to me and said, 'This is for the win,' then he gave me another cigar and said it was for next time."

Formichella said the cigar the old timer puffed on was a relic he had hung onto for 86 years. The stale tobacco was a gift from the senior's own father to be savored for the Sox's next championship game.

Will Formichella be able to smoke his second cigar before another 86 years pass by?

"I think it's going to be a long time before we win again, but I don't care," Formichella said.

"We did it, and now we can take a break for another few decades."



John Formichella exults in the Red Sox Game 4 win over the Cardinals in St. Louis.



Elizabeth and Salvatore "Sully" Savinelli, celebrating his 97th birthday this Saturday, have lived to see Boston's former underdogs win twice. The Red Sox last won the World Series in 1918.

## Service comes naturally to her

Award-winner Angela Reed helps shoppers get their day started on the right foot



Winning smile — Angela Reed makes customers on the other side of the counter feel at home at CVS on Main Street.

By Andrea Gregory

ANGELA REED SMILES behind the counter at CVS on Main Street, asks people how they are doing, and is more than happy to offer her expertise on the drug store's layout.

She's been doing this for more than a decade – and now she knows she does it as well as, if not better than, anyone in town.

Reed has been given the Rotary Club's Excellence in Customer Service award, created last year to honor Bill Zappala. Zappala was the late owner of Andover Video, and a man known for hospitality and contribution to the Andover business community.

His store closed following his death in 2003, but many people continue to remember the kind businessman with a warm smile, and cherish their personal stories about him.

The Rotary Club honored him last year by presenting the first award to his family.

This year, the public was asked to nominate individuals doing their share to make the community viable and friendly.

Winning an award for excellence in customer service has had little effect on how Reed performs her job.

The modest recipient said she will perform her duties as head cashier the same way she always has, but it was nice that someone noticed.

Last Friday morning, Reed was handed a plaque by the Rotary Club honoring her for her friendly contribution to Andover. Her smiling face and years of interacting with the community won her an award for her genuine customer service.

"It's very exciting," said

Reed. "I was very surprised and very honored. I was touched that anybody thought to nominate me."

Reed was one of the first CVS employees at the Main Street location. She proudly states she now is the longest-lasting employee at the store's location.

Reed said she has watched the store evolve, the photo lab grow, and the pharmacy win several awards.

"It's a great store. It really is. I want it to be the easiest place to shop, the easiest store to go into," she said. "I love my job. I

really do. Not many people are lucky enough to get an award doing what they love."

Reed is a morning person. She said that is why she works the morning shift and she likes to help people get their day started on the right foot.

"Most of the customers are friends. They are one and the same. How you treat them makes a difference. I like being able to help those folks. If they go out smiling, it makes me feel better that whole day," said Reed.

Reed is a longtime resident of Andover. She raised four

boys in town, and now has two grandchildren she loves to spend time with when she is not working.

According to Susan Big, Rotary Club director of vocational services, about 30 different individuals were nominated for the award. Some of the nominees, such as Reed, received multiple recommendations, she said.

The Rotary Club plans to keep the tradition running and award many more unsuspecting but deserving people in the customer service industry for years to come.

### GET READY TO TASTE



The Taste of Andover will be held tonight, Thursday, from 6 to 8 at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Tickets are \$25 each, available at the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce office in Lawrence (978-686-0900), or at Baystate Financial Services in Andover (978-475-9212), or at the door. The event is usually sold out by now, but the Red Sox and the presidential election have been competing for everyone's attention lately. Organizers said, "It's very unusual for us to still have tickets available this late, but we do this year. So please join us (tonight) Thursday for another great Taste of Andover event." Above, Peter Casperson, Willie Laboy and Marissa Butler of Andover Wyndham serve up their pork special last year.



## RELIGION NEWS



◀ Elisei and Adriana Rusu (shown with their daughters) will speak about their missionary experiences this Sunday at Andover Bible Chapel Assembly.

Andover Bible Chapel Assembly, 266 Lowell St., has invited a missionary couple from Romania to minister this Sunday, Nov. 7. Both Elisei and Adriana Rusu were born in Romania and lived under the brutal Communist rule of the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. Mr. Rusu will be ministering at the regular Family Bible Hour at 11 a.m., describing their activities and "what God is doing in Romania," and again, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel Fellowship Hall, after a light luncheon. "The public is cordially invited to come and meet and hear these brave missionaries at either or both of these meetings," a spokesman said.

As Christians in a country under atheistic, political domination, the Rusus endured arrests, interrogation and persecution until 1988 when they and their children were accepted as political refugees to the United States. By 1993 the political situation in Romania had improved and Elisei was able to make several extended missionary visits encouraging Christians by teaching and distributing Christian literature. The family returned to Romania in 1997 as full-time missionaries from the United States to do the work of the Lord in their native country. It is the intention of the Rusus to return to Romania in January for an extended stay.

"We are excited about their visit to Andover Bible Chapel and hope you will be able to join us on Nov. 7," said an elder from the Chapel.

Starhawk, global justice activist and advocate of earth-based spirituality who uses the single name only, will give a talk entitled "Earth as Teacher, Earth as Healer" on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. She will lead the audience in a spiral dance after the talk, followed by a book signing.

In her talk, she plans to weave together ritual and story to help connect more deeply with the transformative powers of nature. She will discuss her newly released book *Earth Path: Grounding Your Spirit in the Rhythms of Nature*. She maintains that Earth herself is our greatest teacher and healer, whether we want to heal and transform our personal hurts, or heal the wounds our society inflicts on the earth and other human beings. The book draws from the ancient goddess traditions, whose mystics learned to read the book of nature rather than relying on sacred texts or dogmas. Earth Path emphasizes the importance of understanding how the earth's cycles work, how change occurs in nature, and how Mother Earth designs co-evolving, interdependent systems.

"Being in touch with the rhythms of nature can, according to the book, help us be better designers of the changes we want to see in our own lives and in the world," organizers said.

Starhawk is the featured speaker in the Tenth Annual Women's Spirituality Series of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover. The talk is open to the public. Tickets are available only at the door, on a sliding scale of \$10-\$25. Seating is limited.

## MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon  
Community service coordinator,  
Memorial Hall Library



Memorial Hall Library

HERE ARE SOME of the activities coming up at Memorial Hall Library this month.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of

Memorial Hall Library.

## CULTURAL EVENTS

## JAZZ AT THE HALL

Saturday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

## NEW BLACK EAGLE JAZZ BAND at Old Town Hall

Over the past few decades, many traditional jazz bands have come and gone but very few have been on top longer than the New Black Eagle Jazz Band.

Their repertoire consists of more than 600 numbers and includes ragtime, spirituals, gospel, old pop tunes, blues and, of course, jazz.

Tickets (\$20 each) are available at Memorial Hall Library and Andover Bookstore.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Free

## PEKING AND THE MYSTICS

Peking and the Mystics was formed by four graduates of Tufts University in 1973, all members of the nationally-recognized undergraduate *a cappella* group called the Tufts Bellzebubs. The group has toured nationally and internationally, has recorded two CDs, has appeared on numerous television and radio programs and has been featured in local and national print media.

The group's eclectic *a cappella* repertoire, comprising original vocal arrangements by PATM members, features swing, jazz, doo-wop, and pop music of every decade from the 1890s to the 1980s.

PATM members are Gene Blake, middle tenor; Andrew Cranin, low tenor; Chris Parker, bass; David Pratt, high tenor; and Tim Vaill, baritone.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m.

## HOLIDAY HORS D'OEUVRE MADNESS with Chef Bill Collins

In this free program, Chef Bill Collins will help people get a good start to the holiday sea-



Chef Bill Collins



ARTWORK: COURTESY OF THE NEW BLACK EAGLE JAZZ BAND

Jazz at the Hall — The New Black Eagle Jazz Band will play in concert at Old Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Bookstore.

son. He'll spend the afternoon showing attendees how to make terrific appetizers that will be easy to make in one's own kitchen.

He'll also show people how to prepare the appetizers, provide them with recipes, and teach them techniques that will make their food preparations easier. Only they will know that they didn't spend hours making their guests happy and well fed.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, noon

## HAND-FEEDING BACKYARD BIRDS with Hugh Wiberg

Due to illness, this program has been cancelled. It will be scheduled at a later date.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, noon

## COMPOSTING GURU with VIRGINIO MENDONCA

Composting guru Virginio Mendonca will explain why composting is the most convenient, beneficial, and inexpensive way to handle yard waste. Learn how to improve the quality of one's soil and the health of plants without adding to the solid waste stream.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Free

## THE SECRET TO EASY HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING with Jennessa Durrani

Come join Jennessa Durrani of Four Creations, celebrations planner and author

of *Spring, a cooks journal* and *Fall, a cooks journal*, as she provides tips, techniques, and recipes for easy holiday entertaining. She will demonstrate the how-to's for the entire holiday gathering from the invitations to the centerpieces to the menu providing the attendees with everything they need to put the fun back in holiday entertaining.

## FALL BOOK SALE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Friday, Nov. 13, 14, 15. During regular library hours. Come in and buy holiday gift books. Adult and children's books available.

## EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 17, 7:15 p.m.  
THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE,  
Arthur Miller

## MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.  
THE NAMESAKE, Jhumpa Lahiri

## GREAT BOOKS

Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
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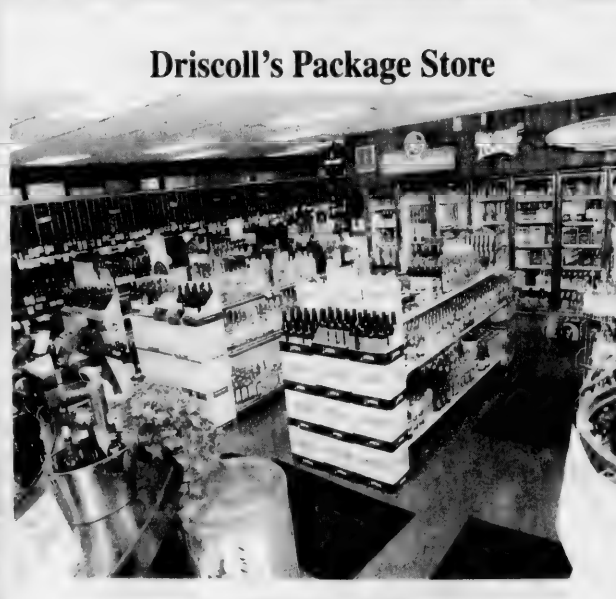
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## Andona Society to roll out 'Red Carpet'

"An Evening on the Red Carpet," hosted by the Andona Society, will be held at Andover Country Club this Saturday, Nov. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. with lights... camera... and a "walk of fame" planned, and concluding at midnight.

Andona members invite residents to join in the fun of this Hollywood-style evening by digging out their glitziest evening attire.

The evening will feature the sights and sounds of musical talent Cricket, a local band organizers say is "sure to offer a fantastic beat for painting the town red with family and friends."

Tickets are \$165 per couple, or \$85 per person.

Proceeds from this annual

charity fundraiser directly benefit various Andover youth academic, athletic and cultural programs. Some programs sponsored this year include Andover Youth Services, All Town Cultural Enrichment, Andover High School Clubs Committee, Andover Stars Soccer, and Destination Imagination.

For more information on the event particulars, or to purchase tickets, contact Dottie Gorrie at 978-475-3011, or Carla Byrne at 978-474-0293.

The Andona Society is a volunteer, non-profit organization that has raised funds for Andover Youth since 1952.

For more on the Andona Society, visit [www.andonasociety.org](http://www.andonasociety.org).

## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

**The Bancroft School Improvement Council** will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m., in the Bancroft School Media Center. All are welcome to attend, organizers said.

**Andover Garden Club** will hold a program entitled "A Very French Holiday Season," featuring **Winston Flowers**, Boston's award-winning florists, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The public may attend; reservations are required and tickets are \$10.

**Tori Samuel** of **Winston Flowers** design group will present table arrangements to reflect three holiday celebrations - Hanukkah, Thanksgiving and Christmas. She will also present an indoor wreath and a buffet or foyer display, both of which are appropriate for any holiday celebration.

All of these modern French designs will incorporate fresh flowers such as orchids, amaryllis, tulips, anthurum, string of hearts, sweet peas, and tulips. The designs will showcase containers from **Winston's** and linens by **Table Fashions**.

In addition to the floral presentation, the program will include a holiday raffle. Prizes include more than a dozen filled theme baskets, and the flower arrangements created by **Tori Samuel**.

"A Very French Holiday Season" will take place at **West**

**Parish Church**, located at the junction of Route 133 and Reservation Road.

Social time and refreshments will precede the start of the formal program.

To reserve tickets, called 978-470-0263. Tickets will be held for pick-up at the door.

**Lawrence Heritage State Park** will display an exhibition through December that showcases **Family Service Inc.**, commemorating 150 years of providing health and social services to individuals and families in Greater Lawrence.

The exhibit, entitled "Strengthening the Fabric of Families," will highlight 150 years of service as well as those of several partners including the **Lawrence General Hospital**, **Home Health VNA**, and the local chapter of the **Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children**.

Admission is free and is open to the public.

A special opening reception will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, at **Lawrence Heritage State Park**, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the history exhibit, or to register for the reception, contact **Lori Howe**, development director, by phone at 978-683-9505 Ext. 39; or e-mail at [LHowe@FamilyServiceInc.com](mailto:LHowe@FamilyServiceInc.com). Check out [www.FamilyServiceInc.com](http://www.FamilyServiceInc.com).

By Pat Becker  
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Living A Healthy Life With Chronic Conditions:** This self-management course, which was developed by the Stanford University School of Medicine, will be coming to the Andover Senior Center in November. Anyone living with a chronic condition including heart disease, diabetes, severe arthritis etc. can benefit from this interactive, six-week class. For information, contact Pat Becker at the senior center.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will be Monday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the recent hit, *Jersey Girl*. Ben Affleck stars as a suddenly-single dad who reluctantly leaves the big city behind and moves in with his father in a New Jersey suburb.

**Digital Photography Computer Class:** Basic introduction to digital photography for people who want an overview on how to use a digital camera with a computer. Learn how to create photographs that can be sent over the Internet or simply create prints for your own use. This course is also useful for those who might be considering digital photography as a hobby. Pre-registration required; six weeks; Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Dec. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$30.

**Podiatry Clinics:** Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it shop will be open for business again Monday, Nov. 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

**Aida:** We are currently accepting reservations for our Nov. 14 trip to see *Aida* at the North Shore Music Theater. *Aida* is a spectacular show that takes you back to the time of the pyramids and pharaohs. This spectacular musical is filled with rhythm and energy

and is the winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Score. The \$45 cost includes "inner circle" reserved seats and bus transportation from the center. Call for space availability.

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** The next Alzheimer's support group meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

**Menopause, the Musical:** We have a limited number of tickets to see the 2 p.m. matinee of the comedy *Menopause, the Musical* at the Stuart Street Playhouse on Sunday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$50, which includes ticket and transportation. Trip reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

**Computer Interest Group:** The next meeting of the computer interest group will take place Monday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. All computer users are welcome to attend. Bring your questions, problems, solutions etc. to share with the group.

**Friday Forum - Shifting Gears:** Presented by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, this presentation on Friday, Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m. focuses on safety tips for drivers, warning signs of difficulty with driving, suggestions for families dealing with safety issues, and more. Information on obtaining disabled plates will be available, as well as applications for handicapped placards.

**Korean Cultural Exchange:** On Monday, Nov. 8 at noon, the Korean Church in Andover has a group of Korean seniors interested in getting together for a buffet meal and fellowship (once a month) with American seniors. If you're an Andover senior who would be interested in attending the next get together, call the center to make a reservation. Spaces are limited, and priority will be given to those who have not yet had a chance to meet our Korean friends.

**Parkinson's Support**

**Group:** The next meeting of the Parkinson's support group will be held at the center on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jean Lussier, RD, LDN, CDE, who will speak on "Parkinson's Disease and Nutrition."

**"The Safe Return Program":** On Friday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m., Debra Katt-Lloyd will be here to provide an overview of the Alzheimer's Association and the Safe Return Program. Pre-register by Monday, Nov. 8; there is no charge. For further information, contact Kristine Arakelian at the center.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** "Getting To Know Andover, England," will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9 at noon; cost is \$2. Advance reservations are appreciated. Get to know your Andover, England neighbors by watching this narrated PowerPoint slide presentation, which was put together by members of our choral group after their visit

there in July.

**Radio City Christmas Show at the Wang Center:** A trip to see the holiday extravaganza starring the world famous Rockettes is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 14 in a 2 p.m. matinee; \$72 includes orchestra seats and transportation from the center.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our next men's gathering will take place Friday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m. This month's topic will be "Storm Chaser." Rich Hamel, an experienced tornado and storm chaser, who also holds a master's degree in atmospheric science, will present a talk and video footage of his recent storm-chasing adventures. Advance reservations are \$3.

**Open Studio:** Drop-in art group meets at the senior center every Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome, just bring your materials and join our other creative souls.

## LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 8-12:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Lasagna with roll, slice of pizza, nachos with green beans, fruit, veggie, chocolate pudding and milk.

**Tuesday:** Barbecue chicken with potato and cranberry sauce, pizza ring, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Corn dog with puffs, spaghetti and meatballs, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** No SCHOOL: Veterans Day.

**Friday:** Chicken and gravy over rice, baked chicken nuggets, hot dog with vegetarian beans, fruit, veggie and milk.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Barbecue chicken with mashed potato, lasagna, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Baked meatloaf with potatoes and gravy, chicken mcschool, bagel pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Cheeseburger with chips, spaghetti and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** No SCHOOL: Veterans Day.

**Friday:** Two beefy burritos and cheese, baked macaroni and cheese, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Beef-and-cheese sub, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken and gravy over rice, lasagna, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Roast pork dinner, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, cake with frosting and milk.

**Thursday:** No SCHOOL: Veterans Day.

**Friday:** Raviolis with roll, chicken parm sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

## BIRTHS

**ZAHORNASKY** - A daughter, Nicole Alden Zahornasky, to Paul and Cindy Zahornasky of Haverhill, on Oct. 2. Grandparents are Bill and Carol Cox of Saugus, Carole Evans-Cunningham of Andover and Vincent Zahornasky of Manchester, N.H.

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# Education

## Students: Mock election is no joke

Shawsheen School takes part in the presidential election, as students vote for Kerry or Bush

By Andrea Gregory

JACOB GORDON COULD NOT WAIT to vote. He knew who he wanted to win the election and was ready to debate his peers — even if they are only second-graders.

It was not hard for him to paste his ideas onto a poster.

Shawsheen Principal Moira O'Brien remembers Jacob as a first-grader.

"He came to me and asked if we could have an election," said O'Brien. The principal said she asked the student what kind of election he wanted and "He said, 'for the president.' I thought it was a good idea."

That was last year. This year, Jacob, 8, now in second grade, created and hung a campaign poster in the Shawsheen School cafeteria leading up to the student election. It might have been a mock election, but the students at Shawsheen School took it seriously.

Jacob cast his first vote ever to reelect George W. Bush.

"He is going to do all these things for us, and he is going to get people out of the area who would hurt us," said Jacob, hoping adult voters would see things the same way.

Last Thursday, Shawsheen School was one of many schools that participated in the National Student/Parent Mock Election. The goal of the non-profit, non-partisan organization is to create lifelong voters.

"If they learn to make a difference when they are young, they will understand when they are older," said Gloria Kirshner, president of the National Student/Parent Mock Election.

Kirshner said schools all over the country have participated in mock elections for the last three presidential races. The votes are tallied in each

state and then added up to produce the next would-be president. This is the first year Shawsheen School students cast ballots.

O'Brien said Shannon Hartnett, co-president of the Shawsheen PTO, informed her about the National Student/Parent Mock Election. Jacob's request was honored by tying it into the national pseudo-election and other ideas from school administrators, faculty, PTO members and the students. As the school includes K to second grade only, the whole voting process was taught schoolwide at an age-appropriate level.

Weeks before the election, the students registered to vote in the gymnasium, read books about voting and politics in the library and hung homemade campaign posters in the cafeteria.

Hartnett said the children got into the process and were even trying to sway the votes of other students.

Sarah Seero announced George W. Bush had won the student election over the loudspeaker at Shawsheen School Friday morning. Sarah considered it good news that she was sharing with her classmates.

"I don't really like John Kerry that much. Bush will do a better job," she said.

The 7-year-old second-grader said she was a little nervous knowing it was her voice that was expected to carry such important news. Bush won over 130 kids, to Kerry's 86. Seven ballots were deemed invalid since check marks were made outside the box.

Sarah said she was pleased that the majority of young students agreed with her when casting their votes at the polls.

But according to Cassidy Chapman, 6, there was a clear

**"All the girls voted for John Kerry and all the boys voted for George Bush. In the end, George Bush won."**

**CASSIDY CHAPMAN, 6, EXPLAINING THE VOTING PATTERN AMONG FIRST-GRADERS AT SHAWSHEEN SCHOOL**



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Shawsheen students (from left) Cassidy Chapman, Julia Breau and Sarah Seero (with ballot), learned about the voting process last Thursday, Oct. 28 as the entire school held a mock election for the presidency. Bush beat Kerry in the school vote.

pattern of boys versus girls when it came to endorsing candidates, at least among the first-graders.

"All the girls voted for John Kerry and all the boys voted for George Bush. In the end, George Bush won," she said.

Cassidy said she will vote when she grows up, and that it

is a lot of fun to "help pick the winner."

Cassidy said she was not influenced by the girls versus boys talk surrounding the mock election. She voted for Kerry "because he is the best guy in the whole world," she said.

Cassidy made a poster endorsing Kerry. It was a

schoolwide homework assignment and a creative way for the students to show how political savvy they are at such young ages. Cassidy's poster praised Kerry for his platform on health care, the environment and the making "friends with other leaders."

Ryan Vittimberga, 5, stood

by his poster, hanging a few feet from Cassidy's.

"Please vote for George W. Bush," said the kindergartner, reading the top of his poster. "He will keep us safe and create new jobs."

Ryan nods his head yes when asked if he thought Bush would win the real election.

## BOOK REVIEW

### The View From Saturday

BY E.L. KONIGSBURG

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, 15-year-old Andover residents John and James review a book for young readers who enjoy inspirational novels with a plot, in which the emphasis is on companionship and camaraderie.

A lot has changed since Mrs. Olinski's last teaching job. School principals have come and gone, there are no more weekly locker inspections, and "sixth-graders have stopped asking 'Now what?' and started asking 'So what?'" Whatever the circumstances may be, Mrs. Olinski is returning to teaching for the first time since the accident. She had been in a car accident and had been paralyzed 10 years before.

Whether by chance or by fate, students Noah, Nadia, Ethan, and Julian are also restarting their careers in a new place — middle school. Alone they are just quirky individuals, but together they are the Souls, the best Academic Bowl team in the state.

Mrs. Olinski handpicked each one, not by their academic achievements, but by following her instincts. Julian's family is in the process of opening a bed and breakfast in the small town, and begins to invite the team for tea every Saturday. It might seem strange, but soon it becomes the highlight of each of their weeks. Although they face adversity, they are able to win not only their school Academic Bowl Competition, but also their state's.

That's the plot of *The View From Saturday*. But this story is much more a book about companionship and camaraderie than it is about any competition. Anyone who enjoys inspirational stories will enjoy this book. A unique characteristic of this book is how it uses variations in point of view to get the plot across. Each character has several chapters devoted to explaining his or her connections to the other characters and developing and explaining his or her own qualities and interests. This explanation is achieved by giving readers a look at the



story from the point of view of that particular character. Character development plays a key role in the success of this book. Readers feel as if they really know the characters and really feel emotions for and with them. Most of all, they are happy for them when they finish it.

We give this book a nine out of 10. E. L. Konigsburg is a well-known children's author with two Newbery Medals to her name, including one for this novel, *The View From Saturday*. She is a truly fantastic author who we hope will continue to write more children's classics. For those who enjoy *The View From Saturday*, we also recommend *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, another gripping story from Konigsburg.

► The reviewers have established their own Web site, located at home.comcast.net/~jjcaron/. There people can read past articles, learn more about them, or send feedback about how they are doing, they say.



Student Ryan Vittimberga holds his political campaign sign.

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The Punchard High School 60th reunion was celebrated recently at the Wyndham Andover. The reunion included 27 members of the class of 1944.

## Punchard High class of '44 celebrates its 60th reunion

The 60th reunion of the class of Punchard High School (now Andover High School) was celebrated recently at the Wyndham Andover. There were more than 40 persons in attendance, including 27 classmates who were happy to be

together again to renew fond old memories.

Co-chairman Jim O'Brien welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence for departed members and offered a blessing on all present. After the luncheon, "the Greatest Generation" members reviewed the Depression and school years of WWII. Happy times at local ballrooms and dining spots in the area during that era were discussed by everyone.

All in attendance were presented with blue and gold coffee mugs imprinted with the Punchard building - class of '44 and the 60th reunion.

The classmates in attendance were: Jim O'Brien, Roger Collins, William Richards, Edna Perry Powell, Kathleen Eastwood Gildea, Bob Colombosian, Harvey Tucker, Irene McKee, Shirley Hardy MacLeish, Ruth Grant Muller, Marie Eastwood O'Brien, Arthur Collins, Dorothy Webb Smith, Tony Babicki, Rita Hamel Arseneault, Warren Bell, Joan Nash Bell, Dorothy Abbot Paterson, Chet Jenkins, John Murnane, Allen Dea, Muriel Smalley Turner, Durwood Moody, Virginia Wood Soule, Kathleen Lefebvre Collins and Bessie Dantos.

Guests and spouses were also in attendance.



The Punchard High 60th reunion committee included, from left: (front row) Irene McKee, Dot Smith, Shirley MacLeish; (back row) William Richards, co-chairpersons Ruth Muller and Jim O'Brien, and Roger Collins.

## Fast times in middle school

Last Thursday, Oct. 28, Andover's three public middle schools - Doherty, West, and Wood Hill - competed in the second annual Middle School Cross Country Run.

The event is sponsored by the Physical Education Department in cooperation with the Andover High cross country team.

Rescheduled from a rainout on Oct. 19, the event drew 68 participants who all completed the 1.5-mile course.

Separate boys and girls races were held and the top five boys and girls finishers from each school had their places count toward their school team standing.

Doherty Middle School defended its championship from 2003, beating out second-place West Middle School and third-place Wood Hill.

The winner of the boys race was Brendan Crawford, an eighth-grader from Doherty with a time of 11:28.

The winner of the girls race was Celia Lewis, a seventh-grader from West, who ran a time of 12:31.

The top seventh-grade boy was Andrew Wait of Wood Hill who ran a 12:33, finishing in eighth place overall.

The top sixth-grader was Brian Knapp of Doherty, who ran the course in 11:44, good for third place overall.

In the girls race the top eighth-grader was Alexandra Bengston of Wood Hill, who ran a 12:43, good enough for second place overall.

The top sixth-grade girl was Lizzie Carroll from Wood Hill who finished in 14:15, placing her in 9th place overall.

The annual event is planned to promote friendly competition among the schools. It is also designed for the promotion of cardiovascular fitness, the development of sportsmanship, and the enjoyment of running.

Complete results are shown in the box at right. ►

**SCHOOL LUNCH  
MENUS ARE ON  
PAGE 19  
THIS WEEK**

### GIRLS RESULTS

PLACE	NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	TIME
1	Celia Lewis	7	Doherty	12:31
2	Alexandra Bengston	8	Wood Hill	12:43
3	Shannon Cooney	8	Wood Hill	12:44
4	Colleen Shannon	8	Doherty	13:25
5	Alexandra Alois	7	West	13:35
6	Heather Brown	8	West	13:32
7	Jillian Ricciardelli	8	West	13:34
8	Natalia Sousa	7	Doherty	14:12
9	Lizzie Carroll	6	Wood Hill	14:15
10	Laura Hill	6	West	14:18
11	Kim Moccia	6	West	14:24
12	Leah Totten	6	Doherty	14:27
13	Kate Donohue	6	West	14:33
14	Morgan Messina	6	West	14:43
15	Annie Ye	6	Wood Hill	14:49
16	Margot Ryan	8	West	15:07
17	Hannah Chiodo	6	Doherty	15:09
18	Kerryn McNamee	6	Wood Hill	15:09
19	Michelle Menezes	6	West	15:11
20	Carly Golan	6	West	15:16
21	Emily Shields	6	West	15:17
22	Laura Dimitrik	6	West	15:19
23	Maura Fitzgerald	8	West	15:44
24	Moir Cronin	6	West	16:14
25	Carli Markus	6	West	16:22
26	Emily Cogliano	8	West	16:42
27	Stephanie Kent	8	West	17:10
28	Laura Parker	8	West	17:21
29	Meghan Burke	6	Wood Hill	19:15

### BOYS RESULTS

PLACE	NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	TIME
1	Brendan Crawford	8	Doherty	11:28
2	Robert Martin	8	Wood Hill	11:38
3	Brian Knapp	6	Doherty	11:44
4	David Lowenstein	8	West	11:56
5	David White	8	West	12:27
6	Ben McQuaid	6	Wood Hill	12:29
7	Andrew Wait	7	Wood Hill	12:33
8	Jackson Rich	6	Doherty	12:50
9	Adam Vetere	7	Doherty	12:59
10	Mark Vetere	7	Doherty	12:59
11	Nick Schumacher	7	West	13:10
12	Michael Galletti	6	West	13:11
13	Patrick McGinn	6	West	13:11
14	Ben Jenkins	6	West	13:18
15	Adam Millerick	7	Wood Hill	13:22
16	Christopher Goodwin	7	Wood Hill	13:35
17	Ben Van Doren	7	Doherty	13:37
18	Simon Voorhees	6	Doherty	13:43
19	Ben Stacy	7	Doherty	13:56
20	Chris Warne	7	Doherty	14:05
21	Drew Gath	6	Doherty	14:06
22	Connor O'Neil	7	Wood Hill	14:08
23	D J Begos	6	West	14:19
24	Will Keller	6	West	14:34
25	Nate Bryant	6	West	14:42
26	Jamie Eulie	6	Doherty	14:49
27	Brett Welsh	6	Wood Hill	15:05
28	Grahme Johnson	6	Doherty	15:10
29	Jeffrey Mazur	6	Doherty	15:14
30	Joe Olney	6	West	15:28
31	Ryan Mazur	8	Doherty	15:30
32	John Taylor	6	West	16:32
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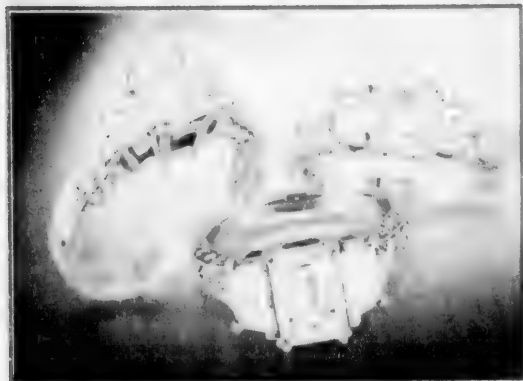
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Andover residents believe their town has been and remains home to much of what is good about America. Residents were involved in the American Revolution and the Underground Railroad, and are among those fighting the war on terror.

Whether one is looking for beautiful woodlands or medical breakthroughs at international businesses, residents can find it in town. The *Townsmen* created this section to help newcomers learn more about what Andover has to offer – and to help them feel at home here. We also hope even longtime residents find a new club to join, new activity to try, or learn something about their town they never knew before, by reading this section.

– Editor Neil Fater

## TOP ISSUES

# Growing town high on projects, low on land

By Andrea Gregory

Andover is a growing town and in the past several years it has committed to a number of large construction projects. After finishing two new schools, three school renovations or expansions, and a new public safety center, the town is now working to complete the largest sewer expansion in its history.

Currently, the sewer expansion job is years behind its original schedule and is estimated to be more than \$3.5 million over budget. That makes the sewer project a hot topic in town. Another issue due for continued debate is whether the town should build a new senior center. Residents are expected to vote on the issue at 2005 Town Meeting.

A private group is continu-

ing to try to raise the money to build a youth center, and 2005 could be a crucial year for the effort.

Like other communities, Andover is also wrestling with budget issues. All town union contracts have expired and the town is negotiating new contracts. But it is doing so after not including any money for raises in the town budget.

### Land issues

While Andover remains a growing town, developers are finding it harder to find large tracts of land. Instead, they are scraping together remaining plots and attempting to develop on a smaller scale, said Planning Director Steve Colyer. Plans tend to be more complicated, requiring additional attention from the Planning Board.

In 1992, Andover had fewer than 3,000 acres left for residential development and was 82 percent developed. A study predicted Andover would reach saturation by the year 2015. Today, officials don't have new estimates on how long it will take Andover to reach build-out capacity, but they say development is moving more slowly than predicted back in 1992.

The rate of development might have been slowed because in 1986 the crite-

ria for subdivisions was rewritten for the first time since it was created in 1954. This brought a stricter process for subdivision approval that might not have been appreciated in 1992.

Colyer said while Andover projects are downsizing, the same can not be said for the new houses going up. Building larger homes is still the trend in Andover residential scene, said Colyer.

The Andover Planning Board knows that even a one-lot subdivision can raise controversy among abutters and call for months of discussion before deliberation.

"Affordable" housing developments also can cause controversy in Andover.

In towns and cities with less than 10 percent of affordable housing, developers can bypass local zoning regulations in exchange for making 25 percent of the units affordable under Ch. 40B – the so-called "anti-snob zoning law". The state considers more than 10 percent of Andover's housing to be affordable currently – giving the town greater control over 40B projects – but numbers could shift when the next census comes out in 2010. All Ch. 40B comprehensive permits are reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since Andover hit its 10 percent threshold, there have not been any more 40B applications filed by developers.

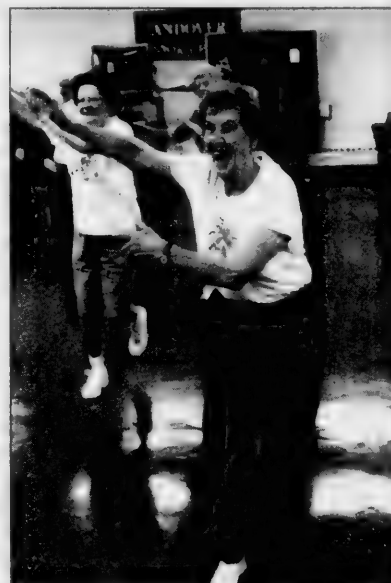


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Will the town build a new senior center? That issue is expected to be actively debated at this year's annual Town Meeting in April.

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## FAVORITE EVENTS

### No turkeys Thanksgiving weekend

By Judy Wakefield

TRADITIONAL ANNUAL EVENTS are numerous in Andover and residents seem to like it that way. Many of the most popular take place Thanksgiving week.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of Andover families kick off the holiday season with a walk or run around town on Thanksgiving morning. The Feaster Five Road Race happens every Thanksgiving morning (Nov. 25 this year) and attracts about 7,000 participants annually.

Three days later, on Sunday afternoon, the Andover Fire Department hosts its annual parade downtown — culminating

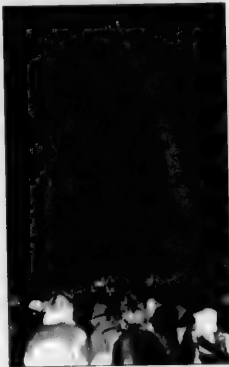
with Santa atop a ladder truck. That night, a giant, festive Christmas tree at Brickstone Properties off York and Haverhill streets gets lit up. Those festivities are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 28 this year.

It's a busy, holiday weekend in Andover and there's a "wouldn't miss it" attitude among those who have enjoyed it for years.

Many families are like the Wallers of Brookfield Road whose out-of-town relatives will join them for the Feaster

Five. "We've been doing the Feaster Five for a few years now and my brother-in-law and his

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Thousands visit the Brickstone Tree during the Christmas season.

### Westa Fiesta ends 7-year siesta

AFTER A SEVEN-YEAR SIESTA, Westa Fiesta, a town carnival originally called West Fest, made a comeback in the fall of 2004. Local middle- and high-school-age kids enjoy the carnival rides, fried food and live music usually provided by a high school band.

The recent resurrection attracted hundreds of kids and families — a sure sign that Westa Fiesta is back on Andover's hot events list.

"Kids were really excited that it came back. And, now, it's all about getting bigger and better. It will definitely be back next fall," said Suzie Clarke of Andover Youth Services.

AYS has taken over the event from the parents group at West Middle School, which founded West Fest and raised thousands for school programs. Proceeds from the event now will benefit AYS, which runs numerous programs for kids in town.



Andover children await and talk about Clown Town all year.

### Clown Town gives kids a laugh

THE MOST POPULAR kids event in town is Clown Town, another carnival-style attraction. It's held in mid-May in the Park downtown every year.

"It's definitely an Andover tradition," said Lisa McDonald of Durham Drive, a

former Andona Society president. That group has been running Clown Town consecutively for the past 52 years.

"People who grew up here come back and bring their kids to Clown Town. And, the grandparents go, too," she said.

More annual events

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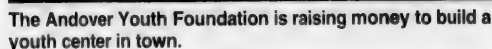


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**American Field Service, Andover chapter** is an intercultural program that promotes international student exchanges. AFS is devoted to finding host families here for these students for the school year. The students attend Andover and North Andover High Schools. The organization also provides applications for local students who are interested in going abroad for a summer or year long program. For information call Vahne Apelian at 978-475-6192 or Pat

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## During fall, social scene heats up

*Here's a closer month-by-month look at annual happenings that attract Andoverites of all ages:*

## NOVEMBER

**TASTE OF ANDOVER:** Andover Chamber of Commerce's annual event showcases the specialties of several local restaurants. It's considered a holiday kickoff and is always held in November. This year, it happens tonight, Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Typically, this event is sold out, delighting 400 hungry guests who bring their appetites for samples of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and other goodies from more than a dozen local restaurants and other establishments, including the Greater Lawrence Technical High School.

**ANDONA SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BALL:** Glitz and glitter are the theme this year for one of the longest running balls in the Merrimack Valley. This annual charity ball marks its 52nd year this Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Andover Country Club. "An Evening on the Red Carpet" is this year's theme, with partygoers celebrating in Hollywood



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**Sweettooths and Andover residents Matt and Kebbi Nowland were two of the hundreds who enjoyed Taste of Andover 2003.**


style. Andona is an Andover institution with some 200 local women serving as current and former members. The group is committed to raising money for various programs for kids in Andover. Ball tickets are \$165 per couple. Call Dottie Gorrie at 978-475-3011.

**HOLLY BALLS** are a must-go for many dads and their young daughters. Local families

consider this a holiday kickoff as young girls wear their holiday best, escorted by well-dressed dads. The Department of Community Services hosts the Holly Balls and offers three of them every November. This year, two are for girls under 6 are already sold out, while the ball for ages 7 and older has just 10 openings left as of this week. That means


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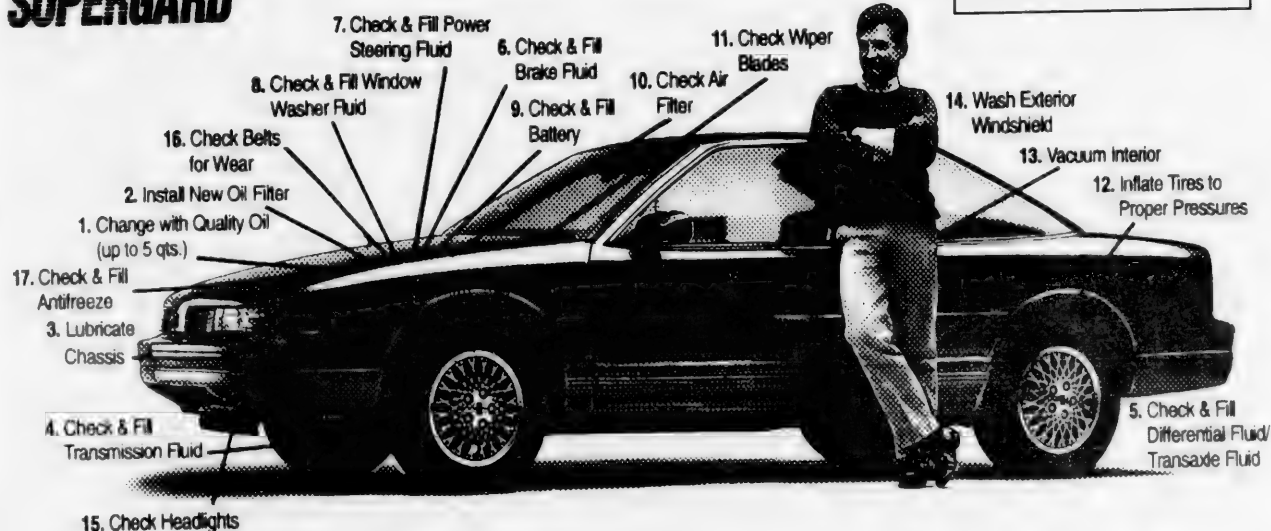
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Andover High School graduate Blanchard Ryan hit the big screen in 2004, adding to Andover's Hollywood connections. Ryan starred in the summer thriller *Open Water*, which was about an American couple's ill-fated scuba diving vacation in shark-infested Australian waters.

Celebrities of many stripes have hailed from Andover at one time or another. Andover and its private school Phillips Academy have been home to future presidents, all-star athletes, and television and film stars. The sons and daughters of dignitaries often attend Phillips.

Presidents George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush are graduates of Phillips, as was the late John F. Kennedy Jr. The daughter of two-time Super Bowl-winning New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, Colleen, currently attends Phillips as did her dad years ago. Vanessa Kerry, daughter of John Kerry, is a Phillips Academy graduate, and actors such as Humphrey Bogart and Dana Delany attended.



**Tonight Show host Jay Leno has founded several scholarships at his alma mater, Andover High.**

Andover High has produced its own luminaries.

Michael Chiklis is an Emmy-award-winning television star and he also hails from Andover. The 2002 and 2003 Emmy Award winner was

saluted for his portrayal of a tough police officer in FX's cop show, *The Shield*. He grew up on Lowell Street and started acting at age 13 in the Merrimack Repertory Theater. He graduated from Andover High School in 1981 where he will always be remembered for both his football prowess and drama roles.

But *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno is perhaps Andover's best known Hollywood star. He grew up on Clark Road in Andover's Ballardvale section. He graduated from Andover High School in 1968 and has returned to Andover regularly to meet with old friends or talk with Andover high students. Leno announced this year that he will retire when his *Tonight Show* contract expires in five years.

Actor Robert Urich, who died in 2002, lived in Andover with his family while he filmed the Boston-based TV show *Spenser: For Hire*. Professional athletes also like the town as Bill Buckner, unfortunately best known for the ground ball he missed in the 1986 World Series, lived in Andover while he played for the Red Sox. Former Boston Bruins player Bill Guerin also lived here until he was traded.

Andover has also been home to many authors. Harriett Beecher Stowe lived in Andover from 1852 to 1864 while her husband studied at Andover Theological Seminary. She penned six books, including *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which many believe helped hasten the onset of the Civil War. More than six million copies have been sold in 22 languages.

Monro Leaf is perhaps Andover's best-loved children's author. He lived in Andover from 1959 to 1965 and his most famous book is *Ferdinand the*

*Bull* (1936). Mary McGarry Morris has written a number of acclaimed books, including *A Dangerous Woman*, which was made into a major motion picture starring Debra Winger. Her first book, *Vanished*, was nominated for the National Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award, while *Songs in Ordinary Time* was one of Oprah Winfrey's picks.



**Future president George W. Bush, leading cheers at Phillips Academy.**

Andover native Paul Monette won the National Book Award in 1992 for his *Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story* about growing up gay in Andover. Diagnosed with AIDS in 1991, he wrote six other novels and three poetry books before his death in 1995.

William Madison Wood, president of American Woolen Co. from 1905 to 1924, was Andover's most famous citizen in his day. His was the largest woolen company in the world, with more than 40,000 workers in 60 different mills in eight states. Shawsheen Village was built for his managers.

Among more local names, J. Everett Collins served 20 years as a selectman, one term on School Committee and 14 years as a state representative. He was a fine tenor, conductor and athlete. He is the only one elected to both the Athletic and Fine Arts Halls of Fame at Andover High School. The Collins Center for the Arts, a regional performance facility that also serves as Andover High's auditorium, was dedicated to him in 1983.

John N. Cole started the *Townsmen* in 1887, as a 23-year old. In 1903, he was elected to

the state legislature and in 1905 was chosen Speaker of the House. In 1908 he retired, becoming a respected voice at Andover Town Meeting.

Alice Buck, a graduate of Abbot Academy, the girls school at Phillips Academy before the school went co-ed, was the force behind Andover's first privately purchased piece of conservation land – Indian Ridge. That was in 1897.

Henry Sanborn was the first superintendent of schools in town, from 1916 to 1939, and was a man known for his progressive ideas. Sanborn Elementary School is named after him.

Cynthia E. Pike founded the Pike School on her sun porch at 126 Lowell St., in 1926. She moved the school to 5 Porter Road in 1944 where it stayed until the current building on Sunset Rock Road was built in 1963. She died in 2003.

Joshua L. Miner founded Outward Bound in America. The former Phillips Academy professor was known worldwide for the program, which uses adventure-based programs to inspire self-reliance and concern for others in youth. He died in 2001.

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It's the Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., also known as the Town House. The town's senior center runs a drop-in center on the first floor. Every weekday, the center is open from 9 a.m. to noon and seniors can be found talking about everything from the Boston sports scene to their memories of when Andover was a simple farming community.

Just down the hall, newcomers to town can be found dropping by Lisa Campbell's first-floor office seeking answers to their questions

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## Lots of green for passive or active recreation

**P**OMPS POND, Andover's public swimming hole, opens every June on the Saturday just before school closes. Run by the Department of Community Services, Andover residents can pay \$60 for a parking sticker and can use the pond all summer. Canoeing, kayaking, sailing and swim lessons are also available. Call DCS at 978-623-8273 for more information.

Pomps Pond is located in Recreation Park off Abbot Street. Rec Park, as it is more commonly referred to, is open all year and contains playing fields and courts. Lights allow for nighttime tennis and softball playing during the warmer months.

Those interested in hiking or more passive recreation will find plenty of green space in town. There are dozens of wooded areas to explore on the acres and acres of town conserva-

tion land, as well as on land reservations maintained by the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS).

AVIS, the second oldest land preservation society in America, offers 30 miles of trails on hundreds of acres of land. Maps of AVIS properties can be found in The Bay Circuit and AVIS Guide to Walks in Andover guidebook available at Moor and Mountain in Dundee Park and at the Andover Bookstore on Main Street. An AVIS map can also be purchased at Memorial Hall Library and Town Offices.

A 15-minute walk to the top of the hill in the Ward Reservation trails located off Prospect Street, provides a panoramic view of the Boston skyline.

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Many Andover youth have learned to swim by taking lessons at Pumps Pond.

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Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski oversees the town's departments and Andover's daily operations. With more than 14 years at the helm, he holds the record as the town's longest-serving town manager. As his third five-year term winds down, selectmen will decide whether to offer Stapczynski a new contract or search for a replacement to manage the town's more than \$110 million budget.

Steve Bucuzzo stepped into the position of assistant town manager when the job was created a little more than three years ago. He assists the town



Buzz  
Stapczynski

manager with the day-to-day operations and plans for the future. In the absence of the town manager, Bucuzzo serves as acting town manager.

Town Clerk Randall Hanson keeps track of the town voter list, census records, statistics, other vital records and Town Meeting minutes. She also supervises local elections. Passports are available in her office, as are marriage and dog licenses. As a result of the Massachusetts Superior Court ruling on gay marriage, Hanson issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples this May.

### SELECTMEN

#### Tackling million-dollar projects, even dog complaints

Whether it is resident block parties or new traffic regulations, the Andover Board of Selectmen must review and approve these requests.

Andover selectmen are the town manager's boss and they mull over budget numbers, set goals and objectives for the town, and listen to residents' complaints and concerns.

They usually meet every other Monday, and more frequently around Town Meeting.

The elected five-member board says it welcome input from residents. As the highest level of officials elected by the residents, selectmen make the

call on what projects residents will vote on at Town Meeting, and offer their recommendation on each warrant article. The group also takes of the yearly

task of grading the town manager's performance, and whether he is worthy of a raise or bonus.

Selectman Mary Lyman is up for reelection in March 2005.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

From left, Selectmen John Hess, Ted Teichert, Chairman Brian Major, Mary Lyman and Alex Vispoli.

### AT THE HEART OF IT ALL



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Voters show their support for a 2004 Town Meeting article.

### TOWN MEETING

#### Residents OK all budgets, projects

Who decides if a new senior center will be built? Who can require people to shovel their sidewalks? Residents can, by voting at a Town Meeting, or a Special Town Meeting.

Sometimes called the purest expression of democracy, Town Meeting is where the town's major decisions – financial and otherwise – are discussed and voted by all registered Andover voters who choose to attend.

Bonding, borrowing, eminent domain and zoning changes require approval by at least two-thirds of the voters.

James Doherty has presided over these meetings as its moderator for about 25 years.

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## Ending user fees, negotiating contract part of budget challenge

By Rita Savard

As families continue paying fees for both extracurricular activities and busing their older students, the budget remains a hot topic for those concerned with Andover education.

But this year another variable must be added to the budget mix: the School Committee is negotiating a new contract with the teachers union – and there is no money included in the budget for raises.

"We're not out of the woods yet," said Superintendent Claudia Bach about the school budget. "While I can realistically expect there won't be a marginal increase, I don't think we'll see a great deficit either."

The superintendent said the Andover budget process will be

a "little delayed" this year as 16 unions, representing both the town and schools, continue discussions about salary increases.

Last year's budget left school administrators with some tough decisions, forcing them to eliminate some academic programs and layoff faculty.

At Andover High School, some canceled courses forced more students into more study halls.

This year, school administrators have corrected that problem, Bach said. Andover Public Schools brought in 50 new teachers, some as replacements for retiring faculty members, and some to teach additional courses at the high school. The high school is now in compliance with a state mandate

requiring students to receive 990 hours of instructional class time.

The new hires have also helped to keep classes from overcrowding. Classrooms in all of Andover's schools are within School Committee guidelines, and the superintendent said a new study being implemented this year will help the school district prepare for future growth spurts in student population.

Two enrollment studies conducted by the New England School Development Council, a non-profit organization aiding schools in professional development, will

project a population count in town schools over a five-year period.

"We're concerned about the growing number of students at the high school," Bach said. "The information from these studies will help the School Committee take a closer look at redistricting measures if we need to, or make any preparations necessary to continue quality education for each student in the classroom."



**Superintendent Claudia Bach:** Financially, "not out of the woods yet."

While MCAS scores in Andover schools exceeded the state average, Bach said they fell slightly lower than the previous

year's results.

"We'll be looking into whether some of the cutbacks in textbooks and technology are hurting students who need improvement," said the superintendent.

Bach said she hopes the schools will be able to restore some programs that were lost in budget cuts, and possibly bring back more staff. In the year ahead, Bach added that more pilot programs will be seen in town schools to "enhance and push curriculum forward."

"We continue to attract strong teachers to our schools," Bach said. "I've never worked with such strong administrators. It's an incredible group that continues to lead our schools in a clear, sound direction."

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**Vicky Enright (above) is a local artist whose work has been displayed at the Andover Historical Society, as part of an ongoing artist program there.**

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Winter hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Memorial Hall Library has a staff of more than 60 and its collections hold more than 250,000 items, including 220,000 books and 23,000 compact discs, audio and videotapes. More than a half-million items are circulated from the library by more than 31,000 card holders. The library also houses a special collection

of Chinese and Russian materials. For the purposes of research and reference, the library makes available access to the Internet through 32 computers in the Reference and Children's areas. Printing is available on a pay-per-page basis with a cost of 10 cents for a black and white copy and 50 cents per color copy. The library offers access to online databases, which provide citations and full-text articles in thousands of journals and newspapers.

The Ebsco database is accessible to home users with library cards through the library's home page. Through its membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLCC), the library provides access to a computerized catalog of the holdings of more than 35 libraries. Through the online holdings of OCLC, the library has access to millions of titles in major libraries. Memorial Hall Library serves as the center for Regional Reference and Research and Inter-Library Loan for 325 libraries in the Northeast

Massachusetts Regional Library System (NMRLS).

The library's **Teen-Z Room** is a special place in the library for middle and high school-age students. No adults are allowed in the area between 3 p.m. and closing time, as kids are encouraged to use the space for group projects. The area is wired for seven personal computers.

The Children's Room pro-

vides many varied and inviting resources for children from infancy through sixth grade. A new program of story hours for babies and mothers called "Wiggle Words" has been introduced. The Children's Room also offers daytime story hours for tots, toddlers and preschool children as well as evening story hours for 3½- to 5-year-old children. Other special programs include adven-

ture and reading clubs, new baby story hours, concerts, storytellers, nature and craft programs, puppet and magic shows. Each summer's full range of activities for all ages is planned to promote involvement with books and reading during vacation. All programs and materials are free.

## Special Programs

- Art exhibitions including month-long shows by local artists.
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- Book-discussion groups such as Great Books Discussions.
- Sunday concerts.
- Wednesday morning programs on special topics.
- Spring and fall book sales.



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Library workers such as Nancy Richards have a new "Quick Flicks" program that allows people to rent the latest DVDs for \$1.

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## TOWN TIDBITS

**M**emorial Hall Library will try to answer any question at any hour. Its 24-hour service assists residents with Internet access. Andover's library was the first to bring this service to the East Coast, and participating libraries take turns responding to questions. Visit [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org) and click on the owl to connect with a librarian, day or night.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

After four years and some significant delays, workers have completed Andover's new, more than \$13 million safety center. The center serves as the headquarters of both the police and fire departments, and replaced a smaller safety center at 32 North Main St.

During the summer of 2004, Central Station firefighters left their temporary station at Spring Grove Cemetery, off Abbot Street, and moved into the fire

department side of the new safety center. The police side of this center opened in 2002.

The police department is headed by Chief Brian Pattullo and consists of more than 50 sworn officers. Andover is a member of North East Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, made up of 42 communities that share resources.

Fire Chief Chuck Murnane is in charge of the fire department, which includes more than 70 firefighters, who are all EMTs.

Fire stations are also located in west Andover at the intersection of Chandler and Greenwood roads, and in Ballardvale at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street.



Andover's canine unit.



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Andover's new safety center - home to both the town's police and fire department - was completed this year.

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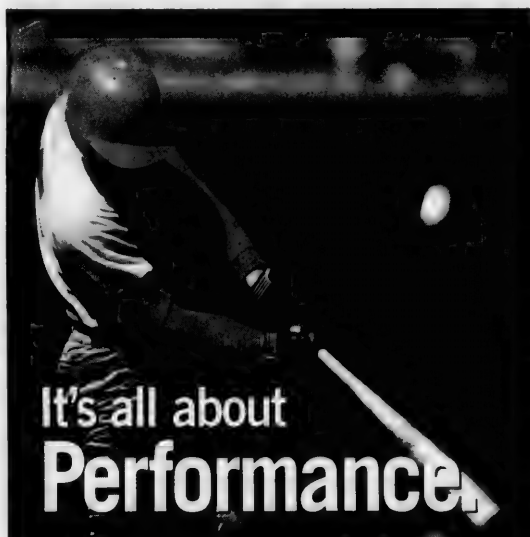


## Youth center effort continuing

A private fund-raising group called the Andover Youth Foundation has pledged to raise more than \$4 million to build a youth center in West Andover, near the West Andover Fire Station. Town Meeting has already given the foundation

land on which to build. Once the center is built, it will be turned back over to the town.

The largest single donation, \$1.5 million, came from Andover developer Yvon Cormier, who will have the center named after his family.



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## YOUTH SERVICES

Dedicated to enriching the lives of young people, Andover Youth Services offers a variety of youth programs and activities throughout each season. Many of the ideas for programs come from the kids themselves.

The youth organization runs both summer and after-school programs that offer field trips to different events, including whitewater rafting and snowboarding excursions.

Program director Suzie Clark reported that last summer, AYS sponsored 63 field trips in just 37 days.

AYS, which serves around 6,000 kids annually, coaches athletic teams, including football, field hockey and lacrosse. They also oversee the Andover Community Skate Park for skateboarders and inline skaters, located behind West Middle School, off Shawsheen Road.

In addition, AYS staffers have helped refurbish an unused office at West Middle School to create an area named "The Zone," where ideas are brainstormed to create extras such as a school newspaper and an annual film festival.

This year, the team was responsible for reviving an old



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

**A skate park behind West Middle School is one of many items added to town since AYS was created 11 years ago.**

favorite, the Westa Fiesta – a three-day carnival packed with games, rides and food. Proceeds help benefit Andover youth programs.

Bill Fahey is head of the department, assisted by Glenn Wilson.

For more information, call the Andover Youth Services office on the top floor of Town Offices, located next to Doherty Middle School, at 978-623-8241. Or check out the AYS Web site at [www.andoveryouthservices.com](http://www.andoveryouthservices.com).

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

From continuing education to ballroom dancing, the Department of Community Services offers about 700 programs each year to Andover residents of all ages.

With a variety of courses and trips to choose from each season, DCS caters to many interests. For instance, DCS courses teach people to ballroom dance, ski, master a foreign language

and become more computer literate. Popular classes for kids include robot building, swim lessons at Poms Pond off Abbot Street, and various after-school sports camps. New courses are frequently implemented and extra sessions are added for popular programs.

Director Mary Donohue said monthly online courses now allow residents to take classes

right from their homes or offices.

Lists of the courses are sent out to residents in the mail, or can be viewed by visiting [www.ed2go.com/dcs](http://www.ed2go.com/dcs). Currently, about 9,500 Andover residents of all ages are listed on DCS's database.

With winter fast approaching, Donohue urges residents to take advantage of the DCS ski program beginning in January. There are only two weeks left until the registration deadline. Sign-ups are also underway for the children's Winter Basketball League, open to youth in grades 1-3.

In addition to Donohue, the DCS staff includes Recreation Director Kim Stamas. Summer programs are staffed by local high school students, who also help out with programs during school-vacation weeks.

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## ELDER SERVICES

A series of new projects is in the works to accommodate Andover's growing population of seniors.

Plans to build a larger, more modern senior center are now in the design process, according to selectman Mary Lyman. The new facility, eyed for construction on the elevated field adjacent to Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street, would have 27,000 square feet of space compared to the present center's 11,000. Once architects Lamoreaux and Pagano of Worcester complete the blueprints, town officials are expecting to bring the project before Town Meeting in the spring.

The updated meeting place for Andover's elders is expected to provide more space for programs including computer, exercise and wellness classes.

Supporters say it is needed in part because Andover's senior population is steadily growing. The most current census data shows there are 5,200 Andover residents older than 60 today and 9,500 Andover residents older than 50. Those numbers are expected to swell, with more than 10,000 current Andover res-

idents expected to be older than 60 by 2010.

There are several affordable housing projects being built and planned in town, which some town officials hope will provide more alternatives for those earning low to moderate incomes, such as the town's senior citizens. Some older Andover residents have left town in recent years because they are "house rich and cash poor," meaning they could not afford the quickly growing taxes on their homes, which grew significantly in value. Andover does have a few programs to help ease the property tax burden on seniors, including a senior circuit breaker program and a tax-voucher program that allows seniors to volunteer their time in exchange for a reduction in taxes.

The current Andover Senior Center attempts to meet the many needs of its seniors. Pat Becker, program coordinator at the center, said more than 200 people pass through the doors of the Andover Senior Center on any given day.

There are a variety of activities happening at the center, located on Whittier Court behind

36 Bartlet St., on the bottom floor of the school administration building. Visitors come to socialize, take exercise classes, learn crafts and cooking, or share a meal.

Catherine Urquhart, acting director of elder services, oversees the center, where the list of activities and programs are frequently changing.

Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, the center offers weekly events such as movie matinees, yoga, low-impact aerobics, cribbage and bingo. Craft classes such as painting, needlework and woodcarving are held regularly and the center is also open occasionally on evenings and weekends to host special events.

Bus trips to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, museums, sporting events and more can be found on the seniors calendar pages. Author visits, seminars and brown-bag lectures on health, aging and spirituality, along with activities partnered by Andover High School and Merrimack College students are popular, according to Becker.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Marlies Zammuto is the chairwoman of the Council on Aging, with Judith G. Trerotola serving as vice-chairwoman.

This group concerns itself with the programs and services available to Andover's seniors. Other members include: Dorothy L. Bresnahan, Robert J. Schreiber, Zeff Marusich, Vicki P. Coderre, Patricia VanVleet, Francis A. O'Connor, Karen R. Walsh, Susan D. McKelliget, Mary Jane Bausmer, Patricia D'Ambra Tovey, Nancy Mulvey and Nancy S. Gump.



Art classes are among the activities at the Andover Senior Center.




Architect's rendering of the proposed senior center.

### Additional groups

Andover Commission on Disabilities addresses the needs of Andover and its citizens with disabilities. The group meets monthly at 7 p.m. at the Andover town offices. For more information, call 978-623-8335.

Andover Senior Center offers support groups for Parkinson's disease, vision, caregivers and stroke. The center also sponsors several events and trips; preregistration is required for most activities. Call 978-623-8321.



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Andover has an active townwide recycling program – and yet from 1990 to 2000 Andover trash increased at twice the rate of the town's population. So the Andover Recycling Committee continues to encourage people to recycle more.

The core recycling activity is curbside pickup of recyclables on trash day once every other week. A brochure "Andover Recycles" gives the schedule for when recycled goods are picked up on each street. It is available in the lobby of Town

Offices, the library and Andover's water treatment plant on Lowell Street (Route 133). People can also check out the Andover Recycling Committee's Web site: [www.andoverma.gov/recycle](http://www.andoverma.gov/recycle).

People recycle by placing items in blue bins provided by the town. Additional blue bins are available from the steps of the water treatment plant any time of day or night.

Items collected at curb every other week include:

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including newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, paper bags, phone books, computer paper, file folders, fax paper, stationery, all books (remove hard covers), spiral notebooks, boxboard (such as cereal boxes - remove liners). Place in paper bags or bundle with string. No plastic wrap, wax paper, food-stained paper, Kleenex or paper towels. Shredded paper is welcome as long as it is contained in a paper bag and stapled or taped closed. The town gets paid for its

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**GLASS:** Clear, green and brown are OK. Please rinse before recycling. No dishes, windows, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex or broken glass.

**PLASTICS:** All No. 1 - 7 plastics (numbers are usually stamped on bottoms of containers). Also Styrofoam packing pieces, but not Styrofoam peanuts. Please rinse and crush, if possible, to save space. No plastic wrap, packing peanuts, plas-

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## TOWN TIDBITS

In 2003, selectmen briefly flirted with the idea of charging people per bag of trash they use. A committee was formed to look into the idea. But residents complained loudly, calling a potential Pay As You Throw program a double tax, because trash collection is already included in their taxes. The idea was put aside.



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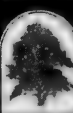
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Andover is in the middle of a \$30 million sewer expansion project, the largest in town history. But the Department of Public Works has announced twice this year that it has run out of money to finish the job.

A Special Town Meeting scheduled for Nov. 9 will ask residents to approve \$2.5 million for the project. This request for additional money came a few months after Annual Town Meeting voters approved \$1.25 million extra for the project. Officials say there are 210 homes still waiting to be connected as part of the project. Without the extra \$2.5 million,

the town estimates 90 homes would be left without sewer. The town has about \$3.3 million remaining to continue work.

Expanding and maintaining the town's sewer system is only one of the essential operations performed by the Department of Public Works and overseen by Director Jack Petkus. DPW provides the town with clean water, disposes of the town's waste, and clears and repairs roads. The engineering division, led by town engineer Brian Moore, prepares plans, oversees the bidding for town projects and reviews subdivision plans for the Planning Board.

Under the supervision of Plant Superintendent John Polano, the Robert E. McQuade

Water Treatment Plant can provide 24 million gallons of fresh water per day. Residents voted in

2003 to spend \$4.5 million to replace the plant's 17-year-old ozone purification system.

The water and sewer division oversees both residents' drinking water and the sanitary sewer system, which services about half of Andover's households. The sewerage is treated at the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District facility in North Andover.

Highway Superintendent Christopher Cronin, head of the highway division, is responsible for street sweeping, snow removal, drainage and maintenance of town roads. Andover students know that well-plowed roads are a priority.



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Andover has a reputation of keeping its roads clear during and after snowstorms.



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
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**METAL, ALUMINUM:** Steel and tin cans and containers, and any materials made of aluminum. Please rinse and crush, if possible. Caps, lids and labels are OK.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:** Break down, flatten and fold boxes and other pieces of cardboard into two-by-two-foot pieces, then tie or tape them together and place next to the recycling bin. No greasy or food-stained items.

#### How to recycle curbside

Recyclables are banned from the trash. Please place glass and metal containers, aluminum and plastics on the bottom of a blue recycling

bin or in a separate bin. Place paper materials in brown paper bags on top of the other recyclables or in a separate blue bin. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and cut up to 2'x2' and taped or tied in small bundles and should be placed next to the blue bin. Place the recycling bin and other recyclables at the curb by 7 a.m.

#### What to do with banned items

Andover holds household hazardous waste (HHW) collections and CRT and television collections in the spring and fall. Leaves are collected from curbside six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring. Residents may also take leaves and grass clippings to the town compost site on High Plain Road. Check the

"Andover Recycles" brochure for details about HHW, CRT and leaf collections.

#### Additional recycling info.

• Call Waste Management Inc. at 1-800-562-0321 about curbside pickups.

• Call 1-800-800-6881 for recorded recycling information.

• See the Andover Recycling Committee Web site.

• Visit the "Earth 911" Web site at [www.cleanup.org](http://www.cleanup.org) and enter Andover's zip code.

• Call the Department of Public Works at 978-623-8350 with questions about household hazardous waste, television and computer disposal, leaf collection and other items banned from the trash.

## Welcome Center downtown

### ■ OLD TOWN HALL

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about restaurants, fitness centers and the public library. Campbell, an Andover native who came on board last July, is the facilities coordinator for the town. She serves as the point person at the building, which is also known as the Welcome Center for Andover. She gets all sorts of questions asked each day and helps residents – and often realtors – find the answers. Her office is stacked with town maps and brochures about public transportation, local athletic leagues, civic groups and social organizations.

Her office is located near the convenient Post Office annex, which is also housed on the first floor of the building. The annex is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Campbell's job also includes being the events planner for the town as she is responsible for booking events at the town's Recreation Park, which is a popular spot for cookouts and softball games. She also books the function room located on the second floor of the historical Old Town Hall. Built in 1858, the building was renovated several times over the years and most recently in 1989 when the

town moved its offices out of the building and spent \$2 million renovating it, Campbell said. The function room, which has a kitchen, can be booked any day of the week and is most typically reserved for private parties, wedding receptions, corporate events and fund raisers, such as the annual Taste of Andover.

Campbell said she supplies a preferred catering list, a hotel list and information on any licenses needed for various events. She said the room can hold up to 150 people for a sit-down dinner and her office also takes care of getting the tables and chairs.

Town residents get a discount on the booking and custodian fees while non-profit groups also get a discount.

For more information call Campbell at 978-623-8450.

### TOWN TIDBITS

The southern portion of Andover is called Ballardvale. The neighborhood is named for Timothy Ballard, an Andoverite who owned a salt and grist mill in town at the end of the 18th century. He also owned a blacksmith shop, a cider mill, and a fulling mill.

Ballardvale has its own commuter rail stop.

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## VETERANS SERVICES

It took 59 years after the war's end, but the persistent voice of Andover's Veterans Services was able to make it happen: On Memorial Day, the Andover World War II Memorial was officially dedicated in the Park to honor approximately 2,000 locals who served there.

The family of Veterans Services Director John Doherty paid for the granite monument, and the bench in front of it was donated by the American Legion Post No. 8.

"Over 1,500 people came to the dedication," Doherty said. "It was an astounding turnout."

Whether it's a veteran looking for resources, or a resident inquiring how to hang an American flag, Doherty can help.

Supervising Veterans Services on the main floor of Town Offices, Doherty answers questions about benefits and assistance for the many veterans who call Andover home.



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The town honors its veterans with ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Doherty also helps organize town remembrance services, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day tributes. He is involved with patriotic holidays and helps keep in contact with

Andover soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Veterans Services office can be reached at 978-623-8218.

## PLANT & FACILITIES

Andover has more than 1.3 million square feet of town buildings and more than 100 of fields. Responsible for keeping all this in good condition are the workers in the Plant and Facilities Department.

Joe Piantedosi, Plant and Facilities director, heads the department's eight divisions: building maintenance; electrical, heating and ventilation and plumbing; cemetery; forestry; parks and grounds; vehicle maintenance; municipal buildings; and administrative. Piantedosi also oversees the town's capital-improvement projects, including the recently completed construction of the new public-safety center.

Piantedosi and the town are now eyeing improvements to the town yard, where town vehicles are maintained and

filled with fuel, and where the town's sand and salt is stored. Andover officials are discussing buying land around the current town yard so that they can expand it.

### TOWN TIDBITS

The northern portion of town, where Route 28 heads towards Lawrence is known as Shawsheen.

Shawsheen Village began as a planned community, a vision of William Wood, who wanted to create homes for the executives of his American Woolen Co., a large clothing mill. According to legend, Shawsheen is a Native American word, meaning serpent or serpentine, and was meant to describe the Shawsheen River.

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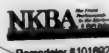
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## TOWN FINANCES

Earlier this year, Town Meeting approved a budget that officials referred to as "risky." There was no money included for cost-of-living pay increases for town and school employees, and this fact will be one of the hot-button issues this year and perhaps next.

Despite this issue, Andover has a solid reputation of managing its finances. It is one of only a dozen Massachusetts municipalities to receive the highest rating, Aaa, from Moody's Investor Service, a sign of Andover's strong financial planning.

Tony Torrisi, finance and budget director, oversees the town's revenue and capital spending with the town manager. He is responsible for budget management, financial planning and preparing the annual budget for residents at Town Meeting. He is also a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force.

Rod Smith, town accountant, manages the town's accounting and oversees the payroll for all town employees. He keeps track of how much the town is spending and ensures departments are operating within their budgets. He audits town departments, and every year informs residents of the town's financial situation.

The office of Bruce Symmes, town assessor, assesses and records the value of every proper-

ty in town.

David Reilly, collector/treasurer, is responsible for borrowing and investing Town Meeting-appropriated funds and collecting and dispersing the town's money. His office collects payment from residents on their water bills, tax bills, motor-vehicle excise tax and permit fees.

The Finance Committee is made up of nine members who review budget requests from

department heads and the town manager. The Finance Committee recommends for approval or disapproval of articles at Town Meeting, and its opinion is sought on other matters before the town. Joanne Marden is Finance Committee chairwoman. Other members are Harold Wright, Timothy Felter, Thomas Fardy, Mary O'Donoghue, Margaret Bradshaw, Carl Byers, Richard Howe and Ray Hender.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Christine Metzmaekers is the director of the Andover Housing Authority, which oversees the rental of 282 town units.

There is elderly housing at Chestnut Court, Grandview Terrace, Stowe Court and Frye Circle. Family housing is at Memorial Circle. In total, there are 218 units that provide seniors and disabled residents with more affordable housing options. Fifty-six units are designated for families, and eight units are for people with developmental disabilities.

The housing authority governs a variety of programs including rental assistance and a family self-sufficiency program. Two years ago, the community service agency established Andover's

Future Housing Corp., dedicated to creating additional low-income housing for seniors and people living with disabilities. The board is hoping to make some two-bedroom units available to seniors and disabled residents in the future, said Metzmaekers.

There are five members of the Andover Housing Authority, four of whom were elected during one of the town's spring-time elections. One is appointed by the governor. Each member serves a five-year term.

Current members are: Chairman Ronald Hajj, James Cuticchia, Francis O'Connor, Calvin Deyermund and Paul Higgenbottom, who is appointed by the state.

## TRANSPORTATION

### MBTA commuter rail

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority trains provide commuter rail service between Haverhill and Boston for Andover residents. Trains stop at the commuter stations on Railroad and Andover streets, where parking is available for \$2 per day. Zone 5 fares are one-way: \$5; 12 rides: \$60; and monthly Zone 5 pass: \$170.

The purchase of a monthly pass includes all MBTA bus and subway services (except Night Owl), Lovejoy Wharf, Charlestown, Long Wharf & World Trade Center Ferries, and all "Zone 1-4" services.

Tickets may be purchased on trains. When boarding at a location where there is a ticket office or contracted vendor, a surcharge will be added to the base price of the ticket, as follows:

- \$2 during peak hours (shaded columns in the public schedule)
- \$1 during off-peak hours (non-shaded columns in the public schedule)

Schedules and other fare information can be picked up at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library and by calling the MBTA at 800-392-6100, or 617-222-3200. Information is also available at [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com).

### Local bus service

MVRTA offers two bus routes in Andover: Route 21 Andover Shuttle, between the YMCA and the Andover Senior Center; and Route 32, between School and North Main streets and the Buckley Transportation Center, Common and Amesbury streets, Lawrence; via Shawheen Square in Andover, and Mt. Vernon and Broadway in Lawrence.

To supplement that service, MVRTA offers the Ring and Ride program in Andover, tailored to bring services to Ballardvale. With Ring and Ride, residents must call MVRTA one day ahead to schedule a ride. The cost is \$2 for residents or \$1 for seniors, students, children and disabled riders. To schedule a pick up, call the MVRTA at 978-469-469-MVRTA (6878), Option 3.

EZTRANS is a bus service run by MVRTA for elders and people with disabilities. Applications for EZTRANS are required and available at the Andover Senior Center.

All routes, other than Ring and Ride, cost \$1. Senior citizens aged 60 and older, disabled riders and children ages 5-12 can ride for 50 cents. Children 5 and younger are allowed to ride free with an adult.

Schedules can be found at Town Offices, Old Town Hall and the

Andover Senior Center.

### Commuter bus

MVRTA provides commuter bus service from Andover to Boston's Government Center, Park Square, Copley Square, and more, Monday through Friday, with return service in the afternoon. The cost is \$5 for a one-way fare, \$4.50 for seniors. Commuters must pay the bus driver cash only.

Discount books offering 10 one-way tickets are available for \$40 and have no expiration. Fixed route passes are not valid on this service. Schedules are available at Town Offices and at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library. MVRTA also provides service to Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill and Newburyport.

For more information, call the MVRTA at 978-469-1254, or visit [www.mvtra.com](http://www.mvtra.com).

### Taxi service

Andover cab companies include Shawheen Livery, 2 Stevens St., 978-475-4423; and Bellmore Transportation (doing business as Andover Livery Cab Co., serving Merrimack Valley customers from 4 Peabody Road in Derry, N.H.), 978-475-2888.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &amp; PLANNING

Responsible for overseeing all land-use issues, the Department of Community Development and Planning handles questions that residents or developers have concerning development on their property. Located on the lower level of Town Offices, the department is obliged to provide the public access to property proposals, building information and applications, health information and wetland maps.

**Planning**

Steve Colyer, planning director, has been with Andover for about 20 years.

Lisa Schwarz, senior planner, is the liaison for the Main Street Committee that is working to create a more attractive downtown area. The committee is working to improve a \$2.5 million state traffic and safety-improvement project.

Paul Materazzo, town planner, specializes in land use.

Colyer, Schwarz and Materazzo routinely attend Planning Board meetings and offer their expertise.

Paul Salafia is the Planning Board chairman. Other members include Vincent Chiozzi, Linn Anderson, Sheila Doherty and Jack McDonnell. The board has been short an associate member for about a year.

**Health**

Everett Penney, health director, stays on top of health issues, including contamination of town water, availability of flu shots and food-handling policies for individuals or groups that plan to feed the public. He keeps track of the number of dead birds found, and oversees prevention mechanisms early in the season. Board of Health members are Douglas Dunbar, Daniel Coleman and Candace Martin.

**Building**

If a car crashes through any type of structure, Kaija Gilmore, building inspector, will be called to examine the situation. Of course, that's a small part of her job. She issues building permits and inspects projects to ensure the work is up to code on a state and local level. She also pro-

vides insight to the zoning board.

**Zoning**

Residents and businesses seeking variances and special permits for additions, swimming pools and outside seating for restaurants need to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All Chapter 40B comprehensive permits must also go before the zoning board. Under Chapter 40B – the so-called anti-snob zoning law – developers can skirt local zoning regulation in exchange for selling or renting 25 percent of the units below market rate. Towns and cities with less than 10 percent of affordable housing have little leverage in fighting these sometime controversial projects. Last year, Andover surpassed the 10 percent threshold.

Daniel Casper is the zoning board chairman. Paul Bevacqua, Carol McDonough, Pamela Mitchell and Peter Reilly are the regular members. David Brown, Nancy Jeton, Stephen Anderson and Lynne Batchelder are the associate members.

**Conservation**

Jim Greer, conservation director, works closely with the Conservation Commission to purchase and maintain open space. The commission studies any proposed construction that falls within a 100-foot buffer zone of wetlands.

Donald Cooper is the commission chairman. Commissioners are Paul Finger, Thomas Murphy, Phillip Sutherland, Robert A. Pustell, Marcia Miller and Howard Kassler.

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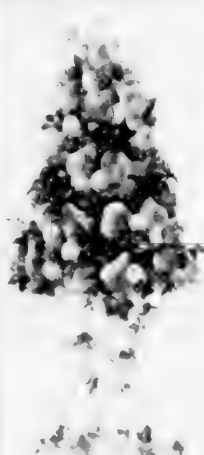
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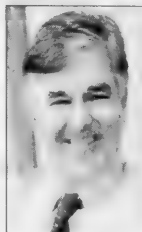
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## Business large and small in town

Andover boasts an impressive roster of both international and mom-and-pop businesses.

The small-town atmosphere packs in a variety of big city delights, including several restaurants, designer shops and cultural events.

Recently, a crop of new businesses in the downtown have created a larger designers' row, with shop owners comparing the area to trendy urban shopping districts like Boston's Newbury Street. Stores stocking fashion must-haves such as Jeans Addiction, Dresscode, Sparkle Boston, and Beauty and Main, say they are trying to provide an alternative to shopping in a busy city environment. There are more than a dozen beauty salons, numerous coffee shops and several restaurants all within a few blocks of one another.

To ensure the downtown remains an attractive marketplace, the Andover Business Center Association was formed

in May, and is encouraging longer hours around the holidays and activities such as scarecrow-decorating contests.

From the streets of downtown to the office parks on River Road, many businesses continue to open in Andover because of its quaint downtown and proximity to major highways.

With hundreds of acres zoned for commercial and industrial use between Interstates 93 and 495, large technology and medical corporations also have found Andover to be an ideal location.

Raytheon, a company that builds missiles for the United States government, and Wyeth BioPharma, a national pharmaceutical company, are examples of the large and cutting edge businesses that exist in Andover's industrial corridors.

For more information on Andover's businesses, contact the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

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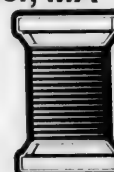
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## ANNUAL ATTRACTIONS



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## Free pie, charity found at Feaster Five

### FAVORITE EVENTS

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family join us. Everyone really enjoys it and it has become a family tradition for us," said Helen Waller, a first-grade teacher at High Plain Elementary School.

She will be taking turns pushing the newest family member, 5-month-old Jillian Waller, in her stroller. Jillian's big brother,

er, Ryan, 4, will also help push.

"She's taking in her first Feaster. We'll bundle her up and she'll enjoy it," Helen Waller said of her niece.

Her husband Dave Waller, who works at Philips Medical Systems, and their sons Mark, 10, and Scott, 12, are like many local residents: They like to get some exercise before eating all that turkey.

### NOVEMBER

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about 300 dads and daughters from Andover are planning to dance soon. This year's balls are set for Nov. 10, 14 and 21 at Old Town Hall, also called the Town House, at 20 Main St. Call DCS at 978-623-8274 for more.

**FEASTER FIVE:** This 5-mile, 5-kilometer walk or run and its scaled down 1-kilometer race for kids draws thousands every Thanksgiving morning. It starts at Shawsheen Square (the intersection of Routes 28 and 133) with swarms of runners and walkers stepping from the nearby Brickstone Square office complex. This year marks the 17th annual Feaster, which presents an apple pie to every finisher. Proceeds benefit Lazarus House, a Lawrence soup kitchen, and Home Health VNA. This year's race is Thursday, Nov. 25.

**FIREFIIGHTERS' SANTA PARADE** (photo at right): The parade begins at Doherty Middle School at 1 p.m. on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, which is Nov. 28 this year. This annual parade features student marching bands, fire trucks, model cars and, of course, an appearance by Santa Claus, who waves from an Andover Fire Department ladder truck.

### BRICKSTONE TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY:

Held at Brickstone Square off York and Haverhill streets, the event features a the lighting of a giant Christmas tree. Decorated with thousands of lights, and in previous year's referred to as the nation's largest Christmas tree, the tree is always the center of attention the Sunday after Thanksgiving at 6 p.m., which is Nov. 28 this year. The public is invited to enjoy Santa's Village, a petting zoo and more on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through Christmas Eve as the festive scene is open to visitors.



Participants in the 2003 Firefighters' Santa Parade.

### DECEMBER

#### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:

A downtown business group emerged this year with a new name and a new attitude. The Andover Business Center Association, made up of several downtown businesses, held its first ever scarecrow contest this year to entice more downtown shoppers. Shoppers viewed store windows and entryways and voted for their favorite scarecrow, dropping their ballots in a raffle. ABCA is still planning December holiday events, which have always included an open house on the first Friday night of December – Dec. 3 this year – to kick off holiday shopping. Several businesses stay open late for the event.

#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

ABCA is still working on the details for this event, which happens at the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St. Kids eat breakfast with Santa Claus. Watch the *Townsmen* for information.

#### THE NUTCRACKER:

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# ANNUAL ATTRACTIONS

## ■ DECEMBER

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stages its production at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College. The show is set for the first weekend in December, Dec. 4 and 5 this year. Dance Prism, another dance company, comes to the Collins Center at Andover High School every year for its production of *The Nutcracker*. It performs the second weekend of December, Dec. 11 and 12 this year.

## MARCH

**SPRING FLING:** Presented annually by the Andona Society and the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, this is an event for middle-schoolers. There will be a DJ for dancing, swimming, basketball, pizza and snacks.

## APRIL

**TOWNWIDE SPELLING BEE:** Andover Fund for Education hosts its popular annual spelling bee. Educators, parents and local business people form nearly 20 teams of four and compete for fun. The event usually happens the first Friday in April, and was held last year at Wood Hill Middle School. AFE President is Jim McConaughy, 978-685-3000.

## MAY

**CRAFTS IN THE PARK:** Held in the Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, this annual fund-raiser is sponsored

by the Andover chapter of American Field Service (an international student-exchange program). Held every year on Mother's Day weekend, crafters sell their wares in booths around the Park. Call 978-794-9909 for more information.

**CLOWN TOWN:** Presented by the Andona Society in the Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets, the eagerly anticipated two-day event features plenty of carnival rides, games, food, and fun for families. Held the third weekend of May, hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from this popular event are used to pay for various youth programs in Andover. For more information contact Kimberly Rose at krosl2@comcast.net.

## JUNE

**ANDOVER DAY:** Presented by the Andover Business Center Association, the first-time event – which replaced the long-running weekend-long Bazaar Days – featured an antique car show last year. The Department of Community Services, the Andover Cultural Committee and Andover Historical Society joined downtown merchants and took over the Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets for one Saturday afternoon in mid-June. Games for kids and food were plentiful while the parked antique cars were on display for viewing. Information will be announced by the ABCA.

## JULY

**FOURTH OF JULY:** Activities include fireworks (often on July 3), with a Horribles Parade down Main Street, a pancake breakfast where selectmen and other town officials serve up the meal, and games in the Park on July 4.

The Horribles Parade has changed during its long existence. At one point, locals used it as an excuse to dress up and poke fun at local politicians. Now, parents dress up their kids and their children's bicycles, tricycles and wagons, and the tikes and trikes take part in a short parade.

"It's a tradition. Neighborhoods, playgrounds and families take part. People look forward to it," said Kim Stamas, recreation director. "It's about quality family time and this town likes those sorts of events."

Call DCS at 978-623-8273, for more information.



Andover children seem to enjoy sporting red, white and blue and riding in the town's annual Horribles Parade on July 4.

## SUMMER CONCERT

**SERIES:** The Department of Community Services presents concerts every Wednesday night during July and August at the bandstand, located in the Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets. DCS: 978-623-8274.

## SEPTEMBER

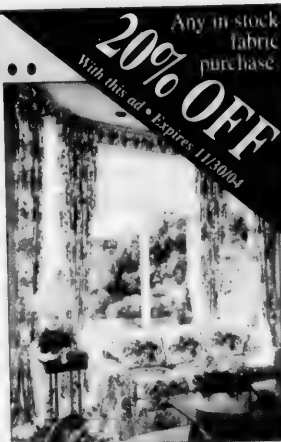
**ART IN THE PARK:** Sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild, this event usually takes place during the third weekend of September. The day-long art exhibit and sale benefits the guild's scholarship fund. Call 978-683-8789.

## OCTOBER

**FIREMEN'S BALL:** It's the longest-running social event in town, spanning 124 years so far. Held every October, the event benefits the Firemen's Relief Association. Call the Andover Fire Department at 978-623-8295 for information.

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Residents at Town Meeting this year voted to sell a small piece of town land to the center, allowing for it to expand in the future.

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## TOWN TIDBITS

Former Andover resident and author Jennifer Block Martin now lives in the San Francisco area, but says she and many other former residents she talks to still miss the town. Below are some of her favorite memories, some of which newcomers can try. But many (marked by an \*) are no longer possible, because a business has closed, for instance. These items might launch a pleasant walk down memory lane for long-time residents. Among Martin's favorite things to do were:

- Knocking them down at the long-gone bowling alley \*
- Enjoying Rose Glen ice cream at the duck pond \*
- Walking uptown after a half day at West Junior High  
(NOW WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL)
- Enjoying lunch at Lantern Brunch or dearly departed Ford's \*
- Getting a pu-pu platter at the Andover Jade \*
- Browsing the nooks and crannies of the Andover Bookstore
- Swimming at Poms Pond
- Ice skating on Haggetts Pond \*  
(NOW HIGHLY DISCOURAGED)
- Popping into the tiny Ballardvale Post Office
- Sledding down the huge hill in front of the high school \*  
(ALTERED BY THE ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION)
- Reveling in the rivalry between East and West Junior Highs \*  
(before East became Doherty)

## CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS

## ■ FIELD SERVICE

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O'Neil at 978-475-6829.

**American Legion Andover Post 8**, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

**The Andona Society** is a volunteer organization of more than 100 women. Founded in 1952, the society is dedicated to supporting local youth-oriented organizations, providing scholarships and "camper-ships" to resident youth and donating to community service projects. For more information, send a request to the membership chairwoman, The Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810. Contact Person: Denise Bordonaro. Or try [www.andonasociety.org](http://www.andonasociety.org).

**The Andovers Artists Guild** encourages all interested persons, professionals, students and emerging artists to join. Monthly demonstration meetings, art shows and Art

in the Park in Andover are scheduled for 2003-04. Student artists supported by scholarship funds. Contact Valerie Borgal, 978-658-4693.

**Andover CARES** (Community Advocates for Resources, Education and Support) is a volunteer group of educators, professionals and parents, who work together in an effort to increase a sense of belonging and to foster resiliency within the community, particularly among youth. Call Diane Hender at 978-470-0869.

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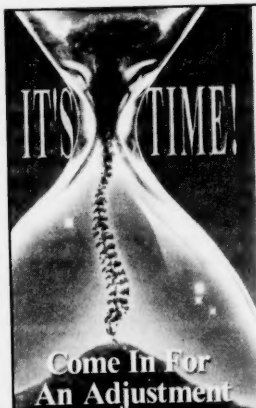
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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### ■ POLITICAL GROUP

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by ballot on presidential-year ballots. Many associates are elected throughout the year as non-voting members. All meetings are open. Contact Chairwoman Nancy Stolberg at NSTOLBS@comcast.net, [www.andoverdemocrats.com](http://www.andoverdemocrats.com).

**Andover Garden Club**, now in its 77th year, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and flower design; aids in the beautification of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations in the region. The club seeks new members who are interested in these activities. Information about joining is available from membership cochairwoman Karen Schnorrenberg 978-474-8973, [karensberg@comcast.net](mailto:karensberg@comcast.net).

**Andover Great Books Group**, meet fourth Tuesday of the month, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 978-667-9610.

**Andover Historical Society**, and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum celebrate the rich history of Andover and the greater Merrimack Valley. The house and barn recreate the life and times of a typical middle class New England family in the early 19th century. The Historical Society offers a variety of educational programs to individuals and groups of all ages, research facilities, and volunteer opportunities. Located at 97 Main St., telephone: 978-475-2236, fax: 978-470-2741, e-mail: [info@andhist.org](mailto:info@andhist.org). Web site: [www.andhist.org](http://www.andhist.org), Elaine Clements, executive director.

**Andover Fly Fishers** is a loosely organized group of enthusiasts who share experiences (and some interesting lies) during the off-season. They meet at Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street on Tuesday evenings 12 times from October through April. The meetings usually feature slide or video presentations from member or guest speakers. Interested fly fishers: contact Fred Cummings at 978-475-4167 or Dan Conlon at 978-475-4481 or write to Andover Fly Fishers, Box 204, Andover 01810.

**Andover Fund for Education**, provides grants to Andover teachers from all 10 public schools for innovative projects (K-12) that enrich the curriculum, inspire students and staff, and expand the community's involvement in public education. Thanks to the annual generosity of hundreds of individuals, businesses and organizations, and through the proceeds of its Andover Spelling Bee and a small endowment, AFE is typically able to support 15-20 pro-

jects serving 1,000-2,000 students each year. Interested individuals who would like to help are encouraged to join the network of AFE parent liaisons, or its volunteer board which meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June. Contact Jim McConaughy, president, 978-475-9781.

**Andover Racquets Club** is open to squash players of all levels. Members play on nine courts (four international) and participate in league and tournament play. Call Murray Smith at 978-470-8759.

**Andover Republican Town Committee** is comprised of 35 members, elected in four-year cycles during the presidential primary. The purpose of the town committee is to promote and support all Republican policies and candidates. Contact John Moffitt, 978-474-4339.

**Andover Tennis Club**, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$45 single membership, Phillips Academy, [www.andovertennis.org](http://www.andovertennis.org).

**Andover Trails Committee** is a citizens' group seeking to protect recreational green space and to establish, maintain and improve trails for walking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. The committee meets the third Tuesday of alternate months, September through May, at 7 p.m. at the town offices. Contact acting chair Alan French at 978-475-4910 for more information.

**Appalachian Mountain Club - Andover Committee** sponsors local walks through conservation lands and parks every weekend from September through June. While most of the trips are walks, the committee also runs a few canoe, bicycle, and cross-country ski trips. All Boston Chapter and Andover Committee people are volunteers. There are opportunities available for volunteers to learn how to lead trips, help with the newsletter, do publicity, and work on the trails. The Andover Committee is the only committee of the Boston Chapter that is geographically-oriented. Founded in 1977, the Andover Committee was started when several members discovered that quite a few AMC people lived in the Andover vicinity. There are currently 364 Andover AMC members. For further information call Dennis Crispo at 978-474-0790.

**Bay Circuit Alliance** is a volunteer organization that works to establish the Bay Circuit Trail, Boston's outer "Emerald Necklace," through more than 50 towns and to protect additional open space. Contact Chairman Alan French at 978-470-1982, or see the Web site, [www.baycircuit.org](http://www.baycircuit.org).

**The Betsy Ross/Samuel Adams chapter of the Daughters of the**

**American Revolution** meets the second Wednesday of the month, October through June, at 11 a.m. The group presents patriotic and historical programs and lectures. Contact Regent Karen Schnorrenberg at 978-474-8973.

**Chinmaya Mission** is a non-profit spiritual, cultural and educational institution located on North Main Street. Chinmaya Mission is a part of a world-wide organization started by Swami Chinmayananda for the advancement of spiritual knowledge based on ancient Hindu philosophy called Vedanta. The mission is to operate cultural and spiritual classes for children, have study groups for adults, and language classes. The members also participate in wide-ranging community-service activities organized by the center. Contact Dr. Dwarakanath at 978-688-7032.

**Community men's chorus**, the Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Alison, 978-837-5461.

**Cub Scout Pack 77**: Meets Monday nights during the school year from 7 to 8 p.m. at West Parish Church on Reservation Road. Open to boys in grades 1-5 who want to do fun things with other kids such as hiking, building things, selling popcorn, and community service. Contact Cubmaster Charles Nickerson at 978-475-7161 or [cnicker@aol.com](mailto:cnicker@aol.com), or Committee Chairman Steve Dwyer 978-475-4310.

**Drum and Dance Circle**, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

**Friends of Memorial Hall Library** is a fund-raising group dedicated to encouraging public support for, and interest in, the library. The group provides special programs and services that expand and enrich the library's regular budget. The "extras" include concerts, readings, speakers, children's programs, museum passes, materials and equipment. Contact Norma Gammon at [ngammon@mhl.org](mailto:ngammon@mhl.org) or 978-623-8401, Ext. 49. Web site: [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm** is a non-profit organization located at 450 Lowell St., Route 133, that provides therapy for people with physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities using horses in the beautiful venue of a working New England farm. Challenge Unlimited also provides riding lessons in an educational setting for children and adults without disabilities, as well as extensive volunteer opportunities for anyone wishing to

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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

become involved. For more information, see [www.challengeunlimited.org](http://www.challengeunlimited.org), or call 978-475-4056.

**The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover** is a nonpartisan organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League sponsors voter services including candidate debates and voter education events, and also offers an annual Read-Along in Andover schools. The group is open to all women and men. Contact Peggy Kruse at 978-474-0176, Jennessa Durrani at 978-470-3290 or visit the Andover/North Andover League Web site [www.LWV-Andovers.org](http://www.LWV-Andovers.org).

**Men's woodcarving group** meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8321.

**Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce** is located at 264 Essex St., Lawrence. Contact Joseph J. Bevilacqua, president, at 978-686-0900 or [www.merrimackvalleychamber.com](http://www.merrimackvalleychamber.com).

**Merrimack Valley Community Foundation Inc.** seeks to improve the quality of life in the Merrimack Valley by obtaining money or property as a 501(c)(3) entity by gift, bequest, or devise for the promotion of charitable, civic, cultural or educational activities. Contact Peter J. Caruso, chairman, at 978-475-2200.

**Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council** is an interdisciplinary organization for professionals involved in estate planning. It strives to educate the community in understanding the areas of estate and financial planning through its affiliation with Northern Essex Community College. Contact President Nick Chapman at 978-465-5663 or [nick@newburyportlaw.com](mailto:nick@newburyportlaw.com), or Christine Routhier Burke at 978-475-8710 or [crburke@finsvcs.com](mailto:crburke@finsvcs.com).

**Merrimack Valley People for Peace**, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, [www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org](http://www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org).

**The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra** has been delighting audiences for over 40 years. Currently the orchestra-in-residence at the Rogers Center, Merrimack College, the MVPO comprises talented professional and amateur musicians from the Merrimack Valley. The

MVPO performs three classical concerts and a family Christmas concert each season, as well as pops concerts at the College and at Castle Hill, Ipswich. Call 978-685-3505 or visit [www.mvpo.org](http://www.mvpo.org).

**Merrimack Valley Striders** running club promotes running through local road races, fun runs and training. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail the club at [info@mvstriders.com](mailto:info@mvstriders.com).

**Mother Connection**, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers playspace for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; Jennifer 978-470-0897, Elizabeth 978-475-5953.

**New England Classical Singers** is a 35-member SATB auditioned chorus committed to singing classical, contemporary, and unusual works. It performs three concerts a year at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. For information, call 978-474-6090, or write P.O. Box 264, Andover 01810, or visit [newenglandclassical.org](http://newenglandclassical.org).

**Saint Augustine's Ecumenical Handbell Choir** has performed at churches, weddings, concerts, nursing homes and other places and events in and around Andover. It's been ringing since 1988. For further information, or to join or hire the choir, call Carolyn at 978-470-0357.

**Service Club of Andover** is an organization of local businessmen and women dedicated to "making a difference in our community." It organizes and sponsors social pro-

grams for developmentally disabled adults and a mentoring program for students at Andover High School. Contact Len D'Innocenzo at 978-474-8657 Ext. 14.

**Spade & Trowel Garden Club** celebrates its 51th year. The club is comprised of 30 active members who beautify the community with civic gardens, aid seniors with a "Garden Therapy" program, sponsor "Art in Bloom" at Memorial Hall Library every May, provide scholarships to youth, support many environmental and conservation endeavors in the area and are involved in a host of other creative projects. New members are eagerly sought. Contact Co-president Nancy Cornell at 978-474-4323.

**The Shawsheen River Watershed Association (SRWA)** is an all-volunteer and non-profit organization. Its primary goal is the protection and restoration of the Shawsheen River and its watershed. To accomplish this, the organization splits its efforts among watershed habitat restoration, protection projects and educating the public and government officials on the current status and beneficial functions of the watershed. Its goal "is to be the river's voice in each community through which it passes." Visit its Web site at [www.shawsheen.org](http://www.shawsheen.org) and see its recreational map and calendar of events. Contact Bob Rauseo at 978-851-9505 for more.

**The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club** meets the first Monday of each month from October to May with an informative program followed by a social hour. It raises funds for Andover High School and regional vocational school scholarships. Contact Elizabeth Shea at 978-475-2645.

**Quota International of Andover** is a nonprofit organization that works to meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children. It also champions the education of hearing-impaired children in the Merrimack Valley and provides an annual scholarship to a student of the Northern Essex Community College Speech and Hearing Impaired Interpreter's program. Contact Linda McKenzie at 978-725-5256.

**YMCA, Andover/North Andover** branch, is located on 165 Haverhill St. in Andover. The facility offers programs in aquatics, physical fitness, special interests (preschool through adult art classes), children and adult sports, a teen leadership program and child care for members and non-members. For more information, call 978-685-3541.

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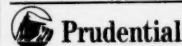


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The local YMCA hosts a "Dallas Night" every year.

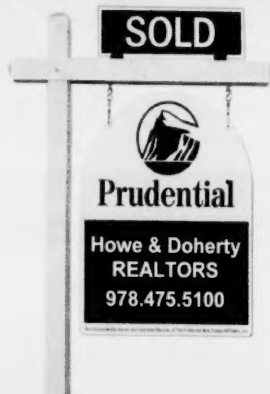




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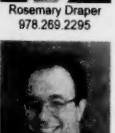


















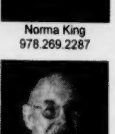








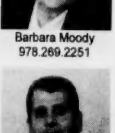



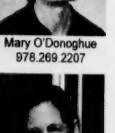






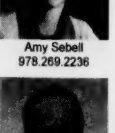
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